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BY DAVID JACK

IT'S open season in the annual referee hunt and the executive of the Olympic Airways National League is ready to get into the action.

More and more clubs are complaining about refereeing standards in Australia's premier competition and the NSL admits it is unhappy about the situation.

Tony Labbozzetta, vice-chairman of the NSL, admits: "I am concerned that the standard of refereeing is sometimes wanting."

"What worries me even more is that very few young referees are coming through to top grade."

"This year, two good referees, Tim Davies and Peter Rampley, have retired and I don't like to see such men lost to the code."

"I have spoken to Steve Kamasz (NSL chief execu-

tive) about this and he will be sending memos to referees' organisations to arrange a meeting to try to solve the problem."

"We had a meeting with the referees before the season started and it was a worthwhile exercise."

"We cannot entirely blame the refs for what is going on. Who would want to be a referee? It's a thankless job."

"When coaches tell their players to go out and chop a certain player, you can't blame the referee. If we are to have clean Soccer the killer players will have to be curbed."

"It is sad to see a player trying to cripple another player."

"Perhaps the time has come for the more liberal use of the red card - even if it is for a first offence."

"Players have become used to getting the yellow card for a first offence, no matter how bad the foul."

"If they knew they were in danger of being sent off, they might behave better."

"I think we should give this a go. I am sure the referees would not show the red card frivolously."

"What everyone in the game must realise is that spectators want to watch skilful football and real entertainment - they don't enjoy seeing battles fought."

The NSL vice-chairman is talking sense. If the killer players are severely disciplined, referees will have a far better chance of doing their job properly.

FOOTNOTE: At least one NSL coach, Manfred Schaefer, says he is quite happy about the way his team's matches have been controlled this season. But Sydney Olympic are in top spot... and this usually keeps coaches contented!



CRAIG JOHNSTON holding the coveted English FA Cup during his SPORT AID press conference on Friday.

CRAIG SHOWS ENGLISH FA CUP TO ASW

HE LEFT Australia at the age of 15. A determined young man with more than a desire to prove a point to the world. To make it to the very top of Soccer.

And where else but in the toughest professional Soccer League. The English League.

Some 10 years later, the same lad who departed our shores with such high aspirations, returned last week with probably the most coveted trophy outside the World Cup, the English FA Cup he helped win for the mighty club, LIVERPOOL.

Of course we are talking about Australia's one and only, Craig Johnston.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

We met up again at Sydney's Sheraton Wentworth Hotel where he faced a barrage of photographers and members of the media, knocking back first time answers to a multitude of questions fired at him.

Craig was rushed to Australia to focus publicity on Sport Aid the organisation which next weekend joins the world in an appeal to raise money for Africa.

Craig is asking Australians to join in the WANG Races Against Time being held in seven capital cities next Sunday.

But despite his 23 hour trip that left him drained of energy and sleep, Johnston displayed unyielding tenacity in meeting the huge press corp. Real Liverpool stuff.

Johnston put energy, alertness, humour and intelligence in all his answers to the questions that flooded in as photographers fired a non-stop salvo of shots of the famed Australian Liverpool player.

Closely watched by his travelling companion, Roger Eales, a security man from London's "Securicor Ltd" who escorted Johnston and the \$15,500 Cup to Australia, Craig revelled in his task.

I waited to see Craig at the end of the session to ask him the odd question or two from the three or four hundred I had in the "bag"...

ASW: What flashed through your head the moment you scored Liverpool's second goal?

CRAIG: "It all happened so fast, but really I was elated because I knew my family and mates were watching the match live back here in Australia."

ASW: What was that week like for you?

CRAIG: "Probably the biggest in my life. First we won the championship, then the FA Cup, and on top of all this, my wife Jenny presented me with our second baby daughter, Cassie."

ASW: After your brief stay here, what is your programme?

CRAIG: "I have done a lot of promotional work so far for Rugby League, the Sydney Swans, Tooheys, etc. plus interviews for Sport Aid for next Sunday's appeal."

"I fly back to London from Brisbane, then I spend a day or two with my wife Jenny at home before I fly out again but this time for Spain where my team Liverpool is holidaying."

"Within two weeks, I'm back on the plane again, and this time for Australia to do some TV work for the ABC involving the World Cup telecasts with Channel 2's Peter Wilkins."

ASW: When does your current contract run out with Liverpool?

CRAIG: "I still have another year to serve under my old one."

ASW: Getting back to your famous Wembley goal, could you tell us a little more.

CRAIG: "I had no time to think but hit it first time as the ball flashed across to me."

ASW: Looking into the future, what do you want to do after you have finished playing for Liverpool?

CRAIG: "To coach kids. There is nothing better than to work with the kids and pass on what you know."

ASW: With Liverpool trailing Everton 1-0 at half-time, what did Kenny Dalglish tell Liverpool in the dressing room?

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THERE has been a steady influx of foreign players to the Olympic Airways National League this season. This could be a good or a bad thing.

Tony Labbozzetta, vice-chairman of the League, is convinced the flow of foreign talent is of considerable benefit to Australian Soccer. Indeed in a recent interview, he described it as "a shot in the arm."

In the Northern Division alone, about 17 new faces have dropped in from overseas - with more to come.

Wollongong has Saul Rivero and Leon Arcosa; Apia Leichhardt has Janusz Baran and Edward Lorens; Sydney Olympic has Mike Coady and Martyn Rogers; Sydney Croatia has Ante Rumora; St George has Stuart Porter; Newcastle has Paul Crabtree and John Cavanagh; Marconi has Adrian Janin and Osvaldo El Ali; Canterbury has Petar Zrilic and Burir Zalmi; Canberra has Augusto Palacios.

Sorry if we've missed a few. In fact, it has been reported that 17 overseas players have already arrived to bolster the 12 Northern clubs.

Some will, surely, brighten up the local Soccer scene. Others, we fear, will flop and be written off as bad investments.

This inspires the question: "Does the National League really need to import so many players whose ability has not been demonstrated?"

Australia, traditionally, is a migrant country and we must be careful not to slam the door on footballers who wish to live and work in this country.

Most of the imports this year, however, are anything but genuine migrants.

They are mercenaries who come here to earn a dollar in a competition which many of them imagine is of such poor quality they are destined to be stars in their new environment.

But much has happened in the past 30 to 40 years and Australian Soccer has improved enormously.

If you don't believe that, try comparing a couple of results. In 1951 at Sydney Cricket Ground an English touring team, well below top international standard, slaughtered Australia 17 - 0. In 1985, the best team Scotland could put on the field drew 0 - 0 with Australia at Olympic Park, Melbourne.

In other words, we are no longer the mugs, the easy-beats, of world Soccer.

That is why ASW confidently predicts many of the imports who have come here this year will be struggling to justify their presence in the NSL.

The danger is that, for every imported player claiming a first team place in a National League side, a local will be relegated to reserves.

We have already seen what happened to the promising defender Alex Lampropoulos of Sydney Olympic.

Coady and Rogers were flown in from England ... and Lampropoulos flew out on a transfer to St George.

Soccer in this country cannot afford to discard players such as Lampropoulos and the many others who will lose their first team spots to foreigners.

The talent-seeking forays to Europe, South America and the UK would make more sense if there was a desperate shortage of local talent here. There is not. Just the opposite, in fact.

At no time in the history of Australian Soccer has there been such a wealth of young, local, talented players.

It would be criminal if these keen boys had to spend most of their time sitting on the bench or playing in youth teams.

Getting back to Tony Labbozzetta and his thoughts on this issue, we again quote the NSL vice-chairman: "There is no question at all that we are creating a higher standard of football and generating far greater public interest in Australia."

"No question," Mr Labbozzetta?

Sorry we cannot agree.

If the many foreign players recently arrived on our shores reveal star quality in forthcoming months, ASW will admit it was wrong and the NSL vice-chairman was right.

Somehow, we do not expect to make any apology on this score.

At least it is good to know there are limits on the number of foreign players each club may field.

Heaven protect us from the system which operated in the bad old days when teams were permitted to pick 11 foreign players if it suited them.

That was the greatest possible betrayal of local Australian Soccer talent imaginable.

It must never be allowed to happen again.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE SLICKERS STILL TITLE THREAT

BY DAVID JACK

ANYONE ready to prematurely write off Sydney City's title chance in the Olympic Airways League should think again.

The Slicker may have lost a few players in the past year or two, but their youngsters have taken over magnificently.

Against NSL boom team, Sydney Olympic, at Sydney Athletic Field, Sydney City turned in a great performance and nobody did better than Frank Farina, Abbas Saad, Jean Paul de Marigny and Ean Rodrigues, who came on as substitute for hamstring victim Alex Robertson.

Although the 1-1 result was accepted happily both coaches, I thought Slickers just had the edge and

might have collected both points.

But after trailing 1-0, thanks to a South American-type free-kick from Vicente Estavillo in the eighth minute, Slickers were grateful to settle for a draw.

The young Lebanese Saad equalised with a well-directed downward header which would have done the absent John Kosmina proud.

That was 10 minutes after Olympic's opener.

Saad went close on two other occasions in the first half, indicating that Slickers have discovered yet

another youngster of great potential.

It was Farina, though, who really took the eye in several dangerous Slickers second half raids.

He cracked a beautiful left-footer which shook the crossbar in the 61st minute and was only just wide with a shot two minutes from time.

Olympic were not short of star performers in a highly entertaining match.

Marshall Soper bounced back to form, constantly worrying Slickers' defence, and Peter Raskopoulos maintained his recent good form in the midfield.



MARSHALL SOPER of Olympic is pursued by Sydney City's Steve O'Connor and Robert Hooker. (Photo Modern Studios — 568 2853)

TIP-TAP STUFF FROM THE CITY

BY TOM McKAIN

ADELAIDE CITY tipped and tapped their way to a dismal 0-0 draw against George Cross which dismayed their supporters who braved the cold and rain at Olympic Sports Field.

For Cross it was a tactical triumph.

They had every man behind the ball bar one front runner every time City attacked.

Apart from a 10 minute flurry in the second half when the home side threw three men up front instead of two the Victorians were in command.

Indeed, they almost stole two points when Don MacLaren lashed a ball which had goal written on it until home keeper Willie McNally pushed it away for a corner with his right hand which had a dislocated finger taped.

Then McNally was there again when he blocked a Carl Gilder header on his left hand post.

At the other end of the park, Lou Kastner dived to stop two Joe Mullen shots, caught a header from him and dived high to stop a drive from midfielder Adrian Santrac.

The only time Kastner was beaten was when Mullen poked at the ball only to see Tyrone James clear on the line with his keeper in no-man's-land.

Against a blanket defence, City played it too close, and allowed themselves to be forced to play backwards.

At no time had they control of the midfield.

MacLaren buzzed all day for Cross while Shaun Parton used his muscle to advantage, and Noel Milton along with Mark Lennon backed up MacLaren.

For City, Sergio Melta

worked his guts out in midfield with little support from Charlie Villani and Santrac, and Aurelio Vidmar, although Villani turned it all on in that second half spell when he joined Mullen and Steve Maxwell.

To complete City's depressing day centre back Neville Flounders was booked which means he is again suspended for one match.

And referee Mike Browning also booked Melta.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Higgins (Tobin 78), Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Vidmar, Shillabeer.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner, Campbell, Parton, James, Richardson, Faulkner, MacLaren, Gilder, Milton, Bain, Lennon (Markovski 78).

REFEREE: M. Browning SA. CROWD: 2100.

So did Uruguayan Estavillo whose great 24 metres free-kick was in Slickers' net before goalkeeper Alex McPherson spotted the danger.

"It was a great game but I was disappointed we didn't win," commented Slickers coach Eddie Thomson afterwards.

Thomson lavished praise on Frank Farina — "he's quick, elegant, and has two great feet. That's a real footballer," enthused E.T.

Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer admitted his team was outplayed in the closing 20 minutes because

the midfield faded.

But this was not a match for recrimination.

Both teams played well. The crowd behaved as if determined to wipe out the memory of Pratten Park 1985. And imported referee, Donald Campbell, didn't put a foot wrong.

SYDNEY CITY: McPherson, Robertson (Rodrigues 26), O'Connor, de Marigny, Hooker, Gomez, Watson, Barnes, Farina, Lee, Saad (Falconer 72).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers (Patalis 63), Coady, Dakos, Phillips, Johnston, Raskopoulos, Estavillo, Soper, Kalantzis, Stevenson (Stankovic 78).

REFEREE: D. Campbell. CROWD: 8641.

WOLVES SHOOT TO THE TOP

BY PHIL MURPHY

A great opportunist goal by striker Robert Giraldi gave Wollongong City a 1-nil win over Sydney Croatia at Wollongong Showground and the Wolves are on top of the league for the first time since early in 1981.

Coach John Fleming after the game paid tribute to Giraldi for keeping his cool when it really mattered. "It was a real crunch situation for him and he came through," Fleming said.

Giraldi was the hero of the big crowd but Croatia defender Marian Kovacic hung his head after making a king-sized blunder.

It was Kovacic who made a terrible clearance when under no pressure 20 minutes after the interval paving the way for the Wolves goal.

His clearance went just 15 metres straight to the head of Wolves midfielder Willie Murray.

Murray's reflex header went straight back over the head of Kovacic into the path of the lurking Giraldi.

Goalkeeper Steve Watson quickly came off his line to make Giraldi's target smaller but the Wollongong striker calmly chipped the ball over his head into the roof of the net.

The best way to sum up the game was that Wollongong turned on one of their typical team efforts against a team of big name individuals.

Typical of this was the way David Green stood out at the back for Wollongong to "destroy" Croatia's \$32,000 signing

Manis Lamond.

Lamond switched to the middle in the second half to get away from Green but found no relief and was eventually replaced.

Croatia had the better of things to half time but the second half belonged to Wollongong.

Saul Rivero, Larry Gaffney and Murray dominated the midfield in the second half with Bryan Cokely handling his more defensive duties to perfection.

In goal Warwick Young was as safe as ever having not allowed a goal through in the last three NSL games.

The only real danger man for Croatia was Zeljko Jurin who gave Wolves full-back Jock Morlando a severe workout in the first half hour.

For Wolves coach Fleming his team's early season success is the result of a lot of shrewd organisation and a very professional approach to the job. Fleming was a full-back in the Wollongong team which led the competition after being omitted in 1981.

WOLLONGONG: Young, Green, Vlastara, Chilly, Morlando, Cokely, Rivero, Murray, Gaffney, Kotemantidis, Giraldi.

CROATIA: Watson, Jennings, Kovacic, Rozic, Clinch, Jurin, Savor, Arnold, Rumora, Odzakovic, Lamond (Licata 63).

Referee: F. Davies. Crowd: 5968.

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OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

BLACKTOWN JUST OUT OF JAIL

BLACKTOWN CITY scrambled out of jail in the last seconds of the match against St George to snatch a 1-1 draw at the Gabbie Stadium in a lack-lustre match.

Blacktown City's relieved coach, Casey de Bruin, reflected: "I was pleased for the point we gained but this was not a match of high quality. The pressure on players is just too great and it hinders them from using any individual flair or imagination to produce attractive football."

BY BARRY DAVIES

"From the beginning you could tell that it was always going to be a very tight match and it was. If the Saints couldn't beat us today, they never will."

"The point we snatched from this match has kept us in the hunt," concluded de Bruin.

One of Blacktown's biggest disappointments was their striker, Joe Carroll whose work-rate deteriorated badly in this match, following some solid success recently.

Flank-striker, Robbie Slater, desperately tried to

get things going, but the former St George star was constantly under heavy surveillance by two Saints' defenders.

St George's Scottish striker, Stuart Porter opened the score in the 63rd minute from a slashing 35 metre free-kick. Porter's drive screamed on target, hitting the underside of the crossbar before crashing into the net.

Just before fulltime, Blacktown's Adam Sandy levelled the scoreline following good work from Johnny Bradley. Bradley from close to the by-line hit a nice cross to Slater.

Slater turned and hit the crossbar as the ball bounced out to Sandy.

Sandy did very well to beat Robbie O'Shea's tackle and score just before the final bell.

As early as the third minute, Slater beat two defenders into the box and crossed to Sandy, but Saints stopper, Alex Lampro-

poulos cut out the cross.

A comedy of errors in the ninth minute inside Blacktown's box saw possession repeatedly change before it was finally cleared by Blacktown's defence.

The 23rd minute saw Porter booked by referee Tony Pollard for a vicious tackle on Slater.

Three minutes before "drinks" Stephen Knight latched onto a good through-ball from Bradley. Knight laid back a good ball to Bradley as Mike Gibson raced off his line to steal the ball off his boot.

The second half saw a more determined St George on the ball.

Graeme Fletcher rifled a 22 metre shot that just skimmed Blacktown's crossbar whilst in the 57th minute, Fletcher finally

"scored" but was ruled offside.

John McKie looked highly effective when he came on as substitute for St George to replace Fletcher in the 67th minute and rattled Blacktown's defence with his scattering raids from left to right but lacked support up front.

Best for St George were David Skeen and McKie whilst for Blacktown, centre-back Don Macleod, Sandy and Darren Northam.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Curtis: Willis Macleod, Denyer, Northam: Byrne, Bradley, Knight: Slater, Carroll, Sandy.

ST GEORGE: Gibson: Skeen, Lampropoulos, J.O'Shea, R.O'Shea: Petkovski, Ratcliffe, Orsag: Porter, Fletcher (McKie 67th), Ollershaw (Ricoy 73).

REFEREE: T. Pollard. CROWD: 1,480.

MARCONI NOT ON TARGET

IN a nail-biting and tension packed finish, Marconi were able to grab a death-knell equaliser against a gallant and inspired Newcastle Rosebud United at Marconi Stadium.

It took a bit of David Lowe brilliance, two minutes from time to get a chance-wasting Marconi side out of jail.

BY FRANK COLETTA

Heap was confronted by a sliding Bruce James. The ball squeezed away from the keeper and Heap had the simplest of tap-ins.

Prior to that Lowe's front-running partner Rod Brown had been involved in many a missed opportunity albeit he was on occasions very lucky.

As early as the second minute Brown hit the base of the post with a rasping drive after Lowe had done the lead-up work.

After 12 minutes Socceroo midfielder Ian Gray shot straight at the falling Newcastle Rosebud United goalkeeper Clint Gos-

ling and the ball rebounded to safety.

Marconi's Argentinian import, Adrian Janin showed glimpses of some real ability but it was obvious that he will need a bit of time to adjust, especially to the pace of the OASL.

Brown broke into the clear in the 14th minute but again his shot was screwed across goal.

Sean Ingham showed the Marconi defence a clean pair of heels after half an hour but Robbie Wheatley showed his class in negating the attack.

But Newcastle silenced the home crowd five minutes before half-time when a long ball out of defence was flicked on by Ingham. Lee Sterrey was unable to clear up the trouble and another debut man, Rosebud's Stuart Heap ran onto the pass.

The Marconi side came out after the break making their intentions to attack quite clear.

As ever David Lowe and Rod Brown up front were continually scheming and making run after run but the breakthrough would not come.

Newcastle marshalled at the back by Ralph Maier were standing up well. Joe Senkalski despite an early knock was in fine form, working from deep and spreading his passes to the far reaches of the park.

Robbie Wheatley was superb in defence for the Fairfield outfit and the partisan crowd did not approve when coach Les Scheinflug pulled him off to bring on another attacker.

Marconi's saviour in Lowe came with only two minutes remaining as he jinked along the by-line and cut the ball back to substitute Geoff Gunning who levelled the scores.

Les Scheinflug was dismayed at the amount of missed opportunities from his charges.

"We had more than enough chances to take the game but by missing these we made it extra hard for ourselves. It really seemed like it would be one of those days."

"As for Janin it was obvious the man has all the skills but we cut him out of the game with too many long balls. He will take time but he will make it, don't worry about that."

MARCONI: James, Carter, Rizzotto, Wheatley (Henderson 86), Sterrey, Mason (Gunning 62), Gray, Lowe, Brown, Tredinnick, Janin.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Jones, Bannon, Naumov, Senkalski, Milosevic (Garland 79), Cavanagh, Crabtree, Ingham, Heap.

CROWD: 1682. REFEREE: R. Donnan.

NSL RESULTS

NORTHERN DIVISION

WOLLONGONG 1 (R Giraldi) SYDNEY CROATIA 0 at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 5968.

BLACKTOWN 1 (A Sandy) ST GEORGE 1 (S Porter) at Gabbie Stadium. Crowd: 1480.

MARCONI 1 (G Gunning) NEWCASTLE 1 (S Heap) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1682.

CANTERBURY 5 (C Thamnidis 2, B Godzik, P Zrilic, A Ambrosino) o.g. MONARO 0 at Arlington Oval. Crowd: 865.

CANBERRA 4 (R Junna, H Phillips, J Mihailidis, I Gibson) LEICHHARDT 1 (T Butler) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 756.

SYDNEY CITY 1 (A Saad) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (V Estavillo) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 8641.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wollongong	5	1	1	10	4	11
Sydney Olympic	3	4	0	7	8	10
Sydney Croatia	4	1	2	11	6	9
Marconi	4	1	2	12	8	9
Bankstown	4	1	2	9	8	9
Sydney City	2	3	2	13	11	7
St George	2	3	2	8	7	7
Canterbury	2	2	3	9	11	6
Newcastle	1	4	2	7	10	6
Canberra	2	1	4	7	9	5
Apia Leichhardt	2	1	4	7	11	5
Monaro	0	0	7	4	21	0

SOUTHERN DIVISION

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (D Crainie) MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: 4000.

PRESTON 0 BRUNSWICK 1 (E Campbell) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 4000.

ADELAIDE CITY 0 SUNSHINE 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 2000.

FOOTSCRAY 1 (E Tapai) ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 2490.

HEIDELBERG 1 (C Lucchesi) GREEN GULLY 1 (T Cumming) at Heidelberg. Crowd: 2200.

BRISBANE LIONS 6 (D Wright 3, C Anderson D Hunter, A Salvatore og) BRISBANE CITY 1 (D Milosevic) at Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 3282.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Footscray	5	1	1	11	12	11
Brunswick	4	2	1	12	1	10
Adelaide City	3	3	1	12	6	9
Preston	3	2	2	9	5	8
South Melbourne	4	0	3	8	6	8
Sunshine	2	4	1	6	5	8
H'berg	2	3	2	7	7	8
Brisbane Lions	2	2	3	8	7	6
Green Gully	1	3	3	6	7	5
Adelaide Hellas	2	0	5	6	11	4
Melbourne Croatia	1	2	4	3	9	4
Brisbane City	1	2	4	7	19	4



ASW staff members with Liverpool's Aussie — Craig Johnston and FA Cup. From left: Frank Coletta, David Jack, 'Johnno' and John Economos. (Modern Studios)

DANNY'S HAT TRICK

BRISBANE LIONS striker Danny Wright celebrated his Socceroo training squad selection with a hat trick in a 6-1 routing of Brisbane City at Richlands.

The former Young Socceroo was in sensational form as Lions totally dominated their neighbours, scoring three goals in each half.

BY GREG RUSSELL

Wright, who with teammates John and Russell Stewart were Frank Arok's Queensland selections in his Melbourne training camp, scored in the 32nd and 34th minutes and completed his hat trick with a brilliant diving header in the 71st minute.

"Danny's finishing would have been at home at the highest level. It was real European type stuff," Lions coach Col Bennett said afterwards.

City were never in the game and their foothold in the National League now looks very much at

risk.

Lions started brilliantly and took only 52 seconds to score their first goal, a good team effort which involved Jim Morton, Wright, John Stewart and finally Clark Anderson who toe-poked the ball under City sweeper George Caird's foot and into the net.

Wright's two goals followed to give Lions a 3-nil half time lead and the Richlands side was well on the way to avenging its Nanda Cup loss and XXXX pre-season final defeat to City earlier this year.

City showed a minor revival after the break but the effort quickly wilted and Lions soon began charging forward again.

Wright's third goal reactivated the Lions attack and the pressure produced an own goal by City's Adol-

fo Salvatore.

Over-confidence by Lions let City in at the back and Dean Milosevic put away a Phil White shot which had hit the upright.

But Lions reasserted their dominance in the final minute when David Hunter scored a superb individual goal. The younger brother of Heidelberg defender Alan Hunter dribbled through the City back line, recovered from a trip and rounded City keeper Robert Cox to net.

The clash proved to be an ideal finale for Lions fullback Alan Niven who was playing his last home game before retiring to accept a Queensland Soccer Federation coaching position in Bundaberg.

Niven, who has played 219 matches, will play his

final NSL game against West Adelaide at Hindmarsh Stadium this weekend.

The interstate match against NSW at Perry Park on June 1 will be his final first class match.

The defeat was a crushing blow for City

coach Jim Hermiston, who was understandably upset afterwards.

LIONS: Farrow, Hunter, Jackson, Liddell, Niven, R Stewart (Austin 82), J Stewart, Dgden, Anderson (Low 73), Wright.

BRISBANE CITY: Cox, Salvatore, Bromfield (Reis 70), Caird, Mengotti, Fabrizio, Lettler, Cooper, White, Hogg (Hamilton h-t), Milosevic.

REFEREE: Alan Kibbler. CROWD: 3282.

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OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

ASW'S ROUND-UP OF THE MELBOURNE WEEKEND MATCHES

FOOTSCRAY stayed on top of the Southern Division with a hard fought win over Adelaide Hellas at Schintler Reserve.

The game was marred by a near-gale force wind which blew straight down the ground. Hellas was no doubt very happy to go in at half time on even terms after facing the wind.

the poorer for his departure.

Now he says that he'll stay only as long as it takes the club to find a replacement. Heidelberg would be very silly to let

the season that he was prepared to resign if his team lost four games in succession.

He came close last week with the goalless draw after three losses on the trot.

This week's 1-nil loss to South Melbourne won't help of course.

goal against his old club.

Probably Garvey's last act for Heidelberg was to import striker Paul Wilson from Frickley Athletic who came on as a sub in the 81st minute but had little opportunity to demonstrate his ability.

Probably the best game of the day was the one between Preston and Juventus at Connor Reserve.

Most neutral observers feel that these two clubs will fight out the Southern Division championship, a view with which I agree.

Preston was unperturbed after last week's shock 4-3 defeat, but it took it 70 minutes to wear down a dogged Juve defence.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, Petrovski, Bajaktarevic, Karic, Vukcevic, Curovic (sub Simic 78), Bozanovski, Tapal, Latif, Stosic, Lujic.

ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Honeyman, Hristodoulou, Konstandopoulos, Panagis, Scott, Price (sub Manou 81), Ward.

PRESTON: Traianedes, Opasinis, Roodhouse, Ilioski, Dobson, Campbell (sub Necovski 70), Heys, Petrov (sub van Egmond 72), Cole, Lane, Smith.

JUVENTUS: Banovic, Lewis, Durakovic, Brown, Yzendoorn, Wade, Cullen, Palatsidis, Veanever (sub Montemurro 82), Campbell, Patterson.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver, McKie, Marley, Hunter, Valentine, Salemidis, Lucchesi, Tsolakis, Delligiannis (sub Wilson 81), Angele, Kanesoulis.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Hogben, Cannell, Douglas, Fraser, Flavell, Lewis, Vizzini (sub Reynolds 58), Ward, McLelland, Cumming.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, McDowell, Blair, Taslos, Davidson, Miranda, Crainie, Egan, Middlemast.

CROATIA MELB: Runje, Deankovic, Curcio, Hannah, McIntosh, Blakic, Redmond, Campbell, Cristaldo (sub Ljubic 48), Todoric (sub Bonacic 75), Markovac.



CRAIG JOHNSTON at the Sheraton

Garvey go.

In his two and a half years at the club he has had to perform near miracles to successfully keep Heidelberg in the top five.

Heidelberg's financial problems have seen an exodus of a stream of top players. Meanwhile, his name has been linked with Melbourne Croatia, which failed again this week.

It was nail-biting day at Middle Park, for both South coach John Margaritis and Croatia coach Miron Bleiberg, the latter recovering from a hernia operation.

Bleiberg boldly announced at the start of

The game between South and Croatia was an even one but at the end Margaritis was wreathed in smiles, thanks to another sparkling display by Scotsman Danny Crainie who scored the decider in the 28th minute.

At Olympic Village, Heidelberg must have been hugging themselves when they led by the odd goal with only three minutes to go, but they had reckoned without Tommy Cumming.

The wee man popped up with a points saving goal, cancelling out Claud Lucchesi's 46th minute

CANBERRA BLITZ APIA LEICHHARDT

CANBERRA CITY blitzed a disappointing Apia 4-1 at Bruce Stadium after Apia had gone ahead one-nil in the third minute.

New Polish signing Janusz Baran, easily Apia's most effective player, could only break the Canberra leash once.

BY KEN HEALEY

It was enough to provide Apia's only goal.

Anthony Franken parried Baran's point blank drive, and Terry Butler was on hand to tap in the loose ball.

As far as Apia was concerned that third minute moment of glory was the ball game.

Canberra hit back with a three-goal scoring burst before the 17th minute to take the game out of Apia's reach.

First, little Ray Junna headed in a ball that had bounced high off a defen-

der when Hilton Phillips drove it after Apia had failed to clear.

In the 11th minute Phillips lashed a sizzling 25 metre drive past Tony Pezzano after dribbling the ball from half way.

It was Phillips again who made the third goal for Canberra when he chased the ball to the byline then cut it back for Mihailidis to find the roof of the net from the six metre line.

Mihailidis dominated the midfield where Edward Lorens was rarely sighted in his debut for Apia.

At the front Apia showed no penetration in its only periods of pressure, which came just before half time and again for about 40 minutes in

the middle of the second half.

Eventually, man of the match Ian Gibson, brilliantly turned Vic Bozanic in the 86th minute, spotted that Pezzano had left some space at the far post, and drove a pin point shot just inside the woodwork.

Jimmy Cant had a big game for Canberra as sweeper, Junna chased back keenly all day, and big Jim Hamilton looked a better midfielder than any on display in the Apia team which could not find a place for him this season.

CANBERRA: Franken, Dunn, Bryant, Cant, Burke, Sermanni (Mazis 64), Mihailidis, Hamilton, Gibson (Fernandez 88), Phillips, Junna.

APIA: Pezzano, Bozanic, Brown, Steven, Bertogna, Hristovski (Dounis 56), Lorens, Silva (Stewart 4-1), Butler, Baran, Koussas.

REFEREE: Neil Murray.
CROWD: 756.



STUART Stevenson beats Robert Hooker to the ball. (Photo Modern Studios)

MONARO BUCKLES UNDER PRESSURE

VISITING Inter Monaro buckled badly late in the second half to be crushed 5-0 by Canterbury Marrickville at Arlington, continuing their NSL pointless saga this season.

Some very solid defending by Monaro enabled them to keep Canterbury and the first half scoreless, but the second half was an entirely different story.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

The third minute saw Canterbury's skipper, Spyros Hantzis smash a 20 metre rocket at the target which Monaro's goalkeeper, Steve Hozsowski did well to block fully stretched in mid-air.

In the 12th minute, Johnny Pettas should have scored after good lead-up stuff from Nelio Borges and four minutes later, Pettas again wasted another glorious opportunity which should have seen Canterbury finish the first half two goals up at least.

The second half saw Canterbury take full control as their midfield of Burin Zaimi, Bernie Godzik, Petar Zrilic and Nelic Borges worked overtime to pierce Monaro's centre-line of Angelo Ambrosino, Atti Carbone and Ian Wotherspoon.

The Berries hit the lead in the 63rd minute from a corner on the right taken by Chris Thamnidis. Midfielder Godzik lost his balance in the box and fell over with the ball trapped between his legs. Some-

how, (still lying on the floor), Godzik was able to flick the ball from six metres out into the net.

A Zrilic free-kick whistled just past Monaro's post in the 65th minute but three minutes later disaster struck Monaro again.

Ambrosino attempted to clear inside his box but sliced into his own net for Berries' second goal.

Borges should have scored in the 78th minute when he was in the clear with Thamnidis free in support but Hozsowski dived to steal the ball off Borges' feet with another goal going begging.

Canterbury's superior fitness allowed them to clap on the pressure. Thamnidis scored the first of his brace in the 82nd minute following a Zrilic free kick which was partly blocked by Hozsowski. Thamnidis ran in to smash the rebound high into the roof of Monaro's net.

The last three minutes of the match saw Canterbury drive another two "nails" into Monaro's coffin when Thamnidis worked a one-two with substitute Paul Kirwan for the former to take his second scalp.

Zrilic combined well with fellow Croatian midfielder Zaimi to score his

first NSL goal since arriving in Australia four weeks ago.

Best for Canterbury were centre-backs John Radman and George Haniotis, fullbacks Spyros Hantzis and Georgie Akoutas, midfielders Godzik and Zrilic plus Thamnidis who scored a nice double. Monaro was best served by right-back, John Walsh and goalkeeper, Hozsowski.

Dom Kapetanovic, Canterbury's satisfied coach, stated in the dressing room: "Our fitness late in the second half powered us into a big score with non-stop pressure. Monaro just had to collapse under such relentless pressure."

But an understandably dejected Monaro coach, Frank Maccarone, lamented: "We just have no luck. Today we have lost Giampaolo for another four weeks. Our midfield collapsed badly in the last 25 minutes yet we defended very well for the first hour."

CANTERBURY: Barker: Akoutas, Haniotis, Radman, Hantzis: Zaimi, Godzik, Zrilic, Borges (Kirwan 79), Pettas (Jebrell 76), Thamnidis.

INTER MONARO: Hozsowski: Walsh, Tullawa, Titilas, Gagetti: Ambrosino, Carbone, Wotherspoon (D'Addario): Winn, Giampaolo (Perinovic 69), Trasanaki.
Referee: G. Power.
Crowd: 865.



STUART STEVENSON is harried by Robert Hooker (left) and Jean-Paul de Marigny. (Photo Modern Studios)

THE GLOVES ARE OFF WITH TERRY GREEDY

JUST as King Arthur journeyed overseas to fight in the Crusades, word has reached the peasants of Aussie Soccer that our very own King Arthur of the ASF and his faithful companion Sir Brian are set to embark on their own crusade to Mexico City to fight for truth, justice and a better deal for Australia in the World Cup.

For so long the countries from Oceania have had a stacked deck when it comes to World Cup qualification. The formation of the Oceania group is a farce in itself with the inclusion of Israel.

This year as a "thank you" for taking Israel into our group, the Oceania winner was required to qualify twice by first winning its group and then playing against Scotland... who could not win their group but were given another chance to make the final at our expense. Why the "nobility" of the ASF accepted this format in the first place is a mystery to all Soccer followers.

After meekly agreeing to the arrangement, we are now led to believe that King Arthur is ready to do battle with the FIFA Congress in an attempt to get a better deal.

For the sake of Soccer's future in this country I wish him luck. My own feeling is that the time for

action was when FIFA first suggested the plan for the Oceania Group.

Maybe action then would have had more effect on the final outcome for Oceania.

Methinks, Sir Arthur's horse may have already bolted.

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The obvious solution to the Oceania problem is to include the whole group in the Asia section and have two qualifying groups, with the winners of each group playing a home and away final to decide the qualifier from Asia. In this situation Australia would be drawn against other developing Soccer nations instead of the European or South American Soccer powers.

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As a means of cutting down on wages for police overtime, the police minister has mentioned that



sporting organisers may be required to "foot the bill" for members of the force who are rostered to attend games.

The public are entitled to protection by the police force regardless of the leisure activity they wish to pursue. To single out sporting events to pay the bills seems to be discriminating against those members of the public who choose to attend sport to support their favourite team. If this system is adopted then surely organisers will provide only minimal security at games and with limited police in attendance, crowds are apt to get out of hand and trouble will follow.

Hopefully sanity will



He may have his back turned but yes it is our own Terry Greedy giving a lecture to his camp students who like Terrance are resplendent in their A.E.I. Group Transport & Service T-shirts.

prevail and the government will continue financing the presence of police at sporting events.

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The noise coming from the Marconi camp after our game last week would suggest that St George's win came about because

we resorted to rough-house tactics.

In actual fact apart from the first 15 minutes, which is usually quite physical as players settle into the game, there were very few incidents that warranted the referee's intervention.

For a team with title

aspirations to be put off their game by two or three tackles, as was quoted in an afternoon paper last week, would suggest the team must adopt a more determined approach to their game, if they wish to be considered a championship chance.

The main problem for Marconi was that too

many players were having an off day. The team was unable to function in the normal manner.

With so many excellent players at Marconi, it shouldn't be long before they are back on top of the table again — but watch out for the Saints! SEE YOU NEXT WEEK

THE WIMBLEDON STORY IS SO UNBELIEVABLE

— Says MIKE JOHNSON, who once played for this Cinderella club. —

UNBELIEVABLE! It is a grossly over-used word today, but there is no other to describe Wimbledon's promotion to the English first division.

This little club situated in an exclusive suburb of London, over the past several years has climbed out of its minor league status into the fourth division, into the third, second and next season will mix with Arsenal, Manchester United, Liverpool and Everton.

Unbelievable.

In 1969 I returned to England from Australia to take the English Football Association coaching courses.

My wife and I stayed in Wimbledon and during that period I played for Wimbledon.

Wimbledon, at that time was made up of part-time players, much the same as in Australia, and they played in the Southern League for part-time clubs.

Crowds were about 1000.

Wimbledon remained in the Southern League for many years after I returned to Australia, but then was admitted to the

fourth division.

Its fairy-tale rise began from there.

The crowds have grown to 4000. Most of the players are now full-time, but that is about the extent of the change from my time there.

The small stadium still stands, dwarfed by Craven Cottage, home of Fulham and Stamford Bridge, Chelsea's ground, its nearest neighbours.

Can Wimbledon do what its fore-runner, Oxford City, did — survive in the first division?

Oxford also once was a non-league club which worked its way through the leagues to join the first division this season.

It won the Milk Cup final at Wembley with an excellent performance against QPR.

Oxford will now have great difficulty holding on to its players and the danger is that it will tumble back down the leagues, just as quickly as it climbed up them.

Such was the fate of another high flying minnow Swansea City, which had its wings scorched in the 1st division and quickly fell back to where it

had come from.

So there are precedents for the Wimbledon story.

However, it is unique in that it is such a small club representing a small suburb of London.

Oxford and Swansea were representing cities.

Club spirit, friendship, a good manager, deeply committed and skilful players have to be the ingredients which allowed the Wimbledon story to happen.

Also, the English relegation and promotion system played its part.

Three go up and three go down in each of the four divisions of the Football League.

A small club can often finish third where it would never be able to finish first. Such was the case this year when Wimbledon finished third behind Norwich and Charlton Athletic.

This promotion and relegation system is something that our administrators could look at for our own Soccer.

Here we usually relegate and promote only one team.

This is what has caused the great upheaval at National League level which is sending its shock waves into the State Leagues.

When the National League began in 1977, the

big concern with teams such as Canberra, Newcastle, Brisbane, Adelaide and Wollongong was that if they were relegated the National League would no longer be truly representative of Eastern Australia. So they were protected.

This has caused an overloading of teams.

If we had relegation and promotion for three teams at State League and National League level, they would not require protection.

All would be given ample chance to regain their status.

The fact is in England, just as here, the main honours at the top league level go a coterie of several power teams.

Teams whose power is based on money — such as the big Merseyside and London clubs in England and the big Melbourne and Sydney clubs here.

Usually the movement up and down in the top league occurs to the lesser lights.

But it is important that these lesser lights have opportunity to move and aspire upward.

Aspiration tingles the blood of living things. We must be allowed to move forward and grow.

To stand still brings stagnation and death.

With stagnation there can be no Wimbledon fairy-tale. There can be no search for the cup of success at the end of the rainbow.

WHAT A TRIUMPH FOR OUR CRAIG!

BY ALAN VEST

EVEN though the first half of the FA Cup Final between Liverpool and Everton was not as exhilarating as one would have wished, the overall spectacle again showed that it is still one of the most impressive sporting events in the world.

Normally the atmosphere is electric, but with the two teams from Liverpool and arguably the best two clubs in England, it was extra special.

Apart from the triumph of Kenny Dalglish it was a personal triumph for Australia's Craig Johnston.

A winner's medal and a goal as a bonus was truly a dream come true for him.

His achievement whilst recognised by everyone in Australia, really doesn't show the odds he has had to overcome to achieve it.

First, it is extremely difficult for any young player to break into the professional game in the UK.

However, to not only break in but be accepted as a part of the best team in Europe and win League Championship, European Cup and FA Cup medals is a truly great feat.

Craig's achievement should be an incentive to every young player in Australia and if they have ambitions, they have only to look at the hard work, sacrifice and dedication as a guide to what they have to do to succeed.

It's a great boost for young players in Australia and for the game. I congratulate Craig on his success and realise what it has taken for him to achieve. I must admit I didn't think it was possible for him to do what he has done, but it

just shows what determination can do.

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I DON'T know whether it's the proposed new format that is doing it, but both the Northern and Southern divisions of the NSL and the NSW State League are developing into the tightest competitions for many years.

No clear-cut front runners are emerging, but large groups of teams in each League are in with a chance of not only making the cut-off but winning the title.

Surprise teams are also emerging as contenders, with Footscray and Adelaide City in the South, Wollongong in the Northern League, whilst Avala



NSW STATE COACH ALAN VEST

are the surprise in the State League in NSW.

The biggest disappointments at the moment in each League are Melbourne Croatia, who won the pre-season tournament but now languish at the bottom, Canberra City, who have promised so much, at the bottom of the North and Penrith City, last year's relegated NSL club still pointless in the State competition.

There's still a long way to go, though, and there are sure to be a few surprises in store.



CRAIG JOHNSTON — Liverpool star.



CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

WEST WALLSEND is injury plagued at the moment. Coach Keith Harris had six first team players out of the side for the opening rounds of the Northern NSW State Premiership series.

NICE quote from Edward Lorens, Apia Leichhardt's new Polish signing, who was among spectators at the Apia v Sydney Olympic match: "Every player is running but the ball is not running."

Lorens was stressing that the players should have made the ball do the work.

It is a common complaint from European stars getting their first taste of Soccer - Aussie style.

Not so long ago, Ferenc Puskas said the same thing, indeed the great Ferenc seemed bewildered by the speed and non-stop running by players here.

JOHN KOSMINA's threat to give the Soccerroos a miss this year comes as quite a shock.

Kossie says he is considering a break from the international scene because of his disillusionment with Australia's Soccer administration.

But the Soccerroo skipper many Australian fans love to hate because of his style, says he hopes to lead the Aussie side to the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul.

The most prophetic words concerning the national side comes from the Green and Gold captain: "We've gone into hibernation as far as the public are concerned. The ASF has done nothing to inform them that the Soccerroos still exist."

THE first week of the school holidays, when he was coaching kids as well as doing his multitude of other jobs, left St George coach Frank Arok physically exhausted. "I just about died," he said.

Then St George had a great 2 - 0 NSL win against Marconi.

"I'll die again next week if it guarantees another two points," said joker Frank.

WOLLONGONG WOLVES captain Ray Viletstra has had a big change in his life.

Ray, who performed so well for Australia in the World Youth Championship in Mexico, is now studying for a degree at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

His previous job was as a surveyor in the coal mines.

"I guess I wasn't cut out to be in the mining industry," said Ray.

WOLLONGONG Wolves have confounded just about all the critics this year. Written off at the start of the year and seriously doubted as a contender for next season's revamped national competition, the South Coast side has handed out a bit of the legendary 'foot in mouth' disease to the sceptics.

Level first in the Northern Division of the OASL after round six they have been playing with a surprising amount of flair.

This is helped by the contribution of South American, Saul Rivero, whose wicked free-kicks are becoming almost legendary already.

To think Rivero was turning out for Welcome Sports in the NSW Inter-Urban 3rd Division before he moved to the Wolves.

Also the hand played by 22-year-old skipper, Ray Viletstra must not be ignored.

When asked whether he expected the rise to dizzy heights for the side Ray was rapid in replying: "Not at all."

"It has come through a great team effort and good organisation in the side. "We don't have any big-name stars, but we do have a terrific new coach and marvellous dedication all round."

Yes, ASW agrees. Wollongong coach John Fleming deserves a big pat on the back for his efforts so far in his first NSL job.

MANFRED SCHAEFER is creating some sort of record at Sydney Olympic. A club notorious for dispersing with coaches with the regularity of changing clothes, has decided to already sign up the ex-Soccerroo enforcer for 1987. Schaefer is by far the club's longest-serving coach.

SPECTATORS at home matches of Warringah Freshwater in the NSW State League must often wonder if they are in Australia or Italy.

The main article in the match programme is written in Italian.

Is that really necessary? We don't think so.

PETER DENYER of Blacktown City certainly deserves to be called an ideal utility player.

Denyer has played in every position on the field except one.

We hear he wants to try his hand as a goalkeeper!

TONY DORIGO, former Adelaide City defender now with Aston Villa in England, is on holiday in Adelaide but won't be playing.

Named Villa's Player of the Year, the club will not allow Dorigo to guest during the close season.

WHAT a terrible admission from the Sydney Channel 7 sports commentator - no, not Rex Mossop - on the day after the F.A. Cup Final.

Mossop asked him if he'd watched the big Wembley match and back came the answer: "I fell asleep during the second half!"

How anybody from the sporting media could make such a confession in front of a vast audience is beyond comprehension.

Maybe this gentleman doesn't like Soccer. Fair enough but doesn't he realise that the Cup Final at Wembley is one of the greatest sporting spectacles of the year throughout the world?

Wonder if he would go to sleep during the Sydney Rugby League grand final, a much lesser event.

YES, the thing being talked about of late concerning the telecast of the 1986 FA Cup Final is that amazingly crazy effort by one supporter in getting into Wembley.

It was going beyond the realms of being just a fan, that was fanatical in the extreme.

Here's what he did. He scaled a pylon about 40 feet above ground level, then set himself for a diagonal dive of about 6 to 8 feet across the back of one of the stands to be caught by two others hanging out of a window, one arm each.

He must have been close to those who caught him and dragged him in!



'SUPEROO' CRAIG JOHNSTON jumps for joy after scoring in the 1986 FA Cup Final. Joining in the celebrations is two-goal hero, IAN RUSH. Craig was in Sydney at the weekend promoting SPORT AID.

BRISBANE LIONS are negotiating with several overseas players and could announce a major signing soon. The club was recommended a Spanish second division striker by former Real Madrid player Juan Cutillas, who is now coach of Queensland XXXX League club Olympic United. But it is understood Lions are also talking to a player with a British club.

MOST Soccer players have a sense of humour.

Recently players from two teams were mingling outside their dressing rooms before going to get changed.

One player said to an opponent "how is your new coach going?"

There was a long pause and the opponent looked very serious before replying "Oh, he never misses a trailing night."

TWO men who can count themselves unlucky not to make the Aussie Olympic training squad are Apia's ARNO BERTOINA and Marconi's PETER TREDINNICK.

But it must be stated that the squad selected by Frank Arok is one of the most impressive we at ASW have seen.

FROM what little we saw last week from Apia's Pole Janusz Baran, the Leichhardt side are on a winner.

It was just unfortunate however that the midfielder had been ill during the week and he did well to even play.

LEON ARCOSA is going to find it very tough to break into the Wollongong line-up if the side continues on its winning ways.

Coach John Fleming said it all: "He's finding the pace of the game very quick here, and I can't drop a player from a successful side just to please him."

FOR all the hardships CRAIG JOHNSTON has endured in his near ten years in England, what a reward that Cup Medal was.

He has now nearly done everything a pro footballer in England can do, European Cup Final, FA Cup Final, League Championship, Milk Cup Final and the Charity Shield, you name it, he has been there and done that.

All that remains now is to play for a national side, what a shame it won't be for Australia. But for now the words of Liverpool player-manager Kenny Dalglish ring in the ears, "Nobody deserved it more."

EDMUND KREFT, new coach for Adelaide Hellas following the dumping of Neil McGachey, has already made his presence felt.

The former Adelaide City boss, sacked at the end of last year, has stepped training up to four nights a week.

IT's hard work for some of the young Adelaide Hellas stars.

Take John Panagis, the Youth international.

The other week he played a full game in the reserve team's State League First Division game, then sat on the bench for the NSL match — and had to take the field.

Brenton Hiern and Steve Papadopoulos are another pair battling to get back in the senior team, but having to go flat out the day before to make an impression.

ST GEORGE are becoming Marconi's bogey side this year.

With Marconi travelling healthily prior to both meetings, the Saints have knocked the wind out of their sails with wins.

Firstly it was the Nanda Cup and last week in the League but admittedly Marconi have not been playing well even though they have won a few games.

Coach Les Scheinflug has made this point more than clear.

RALE RASIC has not retracted his startling statement on SBS television that his strikers at Apia "were not worth 50 cents."

ASW asked Rale if he has changed his mind since. "Yes," he said, "one of them is now worth only 40 cents!"

THE successful central defensive combination of Ray Viletstra and Reg Chilby is doing well for Wollongong City this season.

Viletstra is studying agriculture and Chilby is a pest exterminator.

A newcomer to the NSL, Chilby has already done a good job exterminating the goalscoring potential of some very good strikers this season.

When they have both finished playing no doubt Chilby will give Viletstra a cut rate on any bugs he wants to get rid of on the farm he has set his sights on developing.



ASTON VILLA's Aussie, TONY DORIGO.

CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club



JIMMY PATIKAS hit the headlines once again when he played for AEK against Panathinaikos in the semi-final of the Greek Cup.

Two shock goals by the Aussie midfielder in the 18th and 24th minutes sent AEK into a great 2-0 lead against the team which recently won the Greek first division championship.

Unfortunately for AEK, Panathinaikos struck back, scoring twice to force a replay.

That game will be in Athens on May 21, with the winner going on to play Aris or Olympiakos in the Cup Final on May 29.

Two-goal Patikas was given a standing ovation for his fine performance in the semi-final.

GOALKEEPERS can he stars one day and villains the next, ask Wollongong City's Warwick Young.

In the Nanda Cup tie against Sydney Olympic in front of 6000 people at St George Stadium Young made a bad blunder and allowed Olympic to win the game 1-0.

Naturally a Wollongong Soccer reporter wanted to chat with Young in the dressing room after the match.

In the league match against Newcastle at Adamstown Oval it was Young who made a brilliant save from a Ralph Maier penalty kick. Wollongong won that one 1-0.

In the dressing room after that match it was Young who wanted to chat with that same reporter. "Come over here and I'll tell you all about it," the goalkeeper said.

ADELAIDE HELLAS midfield-striker Lou Hristodoulou baffled Soccerroo coach Frank Arok during a trial in Adelaide for possible SA national squad members.

The 17-year-old Youth Soccerroo played the ball, then started searching the ground.

Everyone thought he had lost a contact lens — which he doesn't wear.

But it turned out he had lost a gold neck chain he had forgotten to remove before the match.

Lou found it. Which was just as well — it worth \$500.

GOOD to hear that St George striker ROY COTTON managed to patch up his differences with the club and wants to finish his career with them.

Although two other OASL clubs wanted the ex-Penrith man he is content to stay put. He is too good a player to be on the outer.



JIM PATIKAS

WITH the professional attitude Blacktown City has displayed this year they needn't worry about next year's format.

If they perform well this year then that should be the sealer for a position in the "exclusive 14" for next season. They have gone about their business very professionally.

Yet Blacktown, one of the most exciting prospects in the OASL, is among six clubs considering legal action against the league.

The others are Canberra, Newcastle, Wollongong, Green Gully and Sunshine George Cross.

HE's done it again, Former Soccerroo keeper Martyn Crook is back as first choice for Adelaide Hellas, after being released on loan to State League club Para Hills when he suffered a recurring back injury.

Hellas sent an SOS to Crook when Gary Sproul crashed on his left shoulder and was ruled out for at least two weeks.

Now Sproul is fit, but having to fight to regain his place.

IAN McKIE, former Adelaide Hellas full back who has played in almost every game since joining Heidelberg three years ago, may be out for part of this season.

The tough little defender has been carrying an ankle injury and needs an operation, which the medics have recommended be done as soon as possible.

YOU have to hand it to Melita Eagles for giving youth a fair go.

In a recent match in the Skypak State League in NSW, Melita fielded seven players aged 21 or younger.

What's more, the Eagle kids are winning matches.

COMMENT from Sydney Croatia player-coach Vedran Rozic on his expensive new signing, Manis Lamond... "He has excellent control of the ball but he still has a lot to learn. Manis will grow up with us this season."

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It is a common complaint from European stars getting their first taste of Soccer - Aussie style.

ST GEORGE coach Frank Arok issued several threats early on in the season that reputations meant little or nothing to him and that the axe would fall on several big name players after the mediocre start by the Saints.

Arok didn't leave it at an idle threat either. He did wield the axe after Saints slumped near to the bottom.

Now the red, green, and whites are mid-table and pulling off some hard earned wins. Case in point the 2-0 over Marconi.

THE news that the OASL attendances are up is great.

The increase is by some 35 percent. Executive Director Stefan Kamasz is mighty pleased with the increase of 32,000 over the first four rounds.

ASW sincerely hopes it continues.

TERRY PATALIS is going to find the going extraordinarily tough to break into the Sydney Olympic first grade side.

Terry has returned to Olympic after trying his luck in Cyprus and Greece. But he will find it difficult to force his way in with Chris Kalantzis, Marshall Soper, Stuart Stevenson and Simon Brandt all fighting for three positions.



MARSHALL SOPER

SOCCEROO Peter Katholos will soon be back in Australia at the end of the Greek season and we understand he'll settle in Sydney.

"Kat" has already had talks with a Sydney club by phone and should have no trouble getting fixed up.

IN an article in the DAILY TELEGRAPH last week TOM GARRETT a member of the Blackpool side that won the FA Cup in the "Stanley Matthews' final," spoke on the Final to be played between Liverpool and Everton.

His thoughts and predictions were remarkably accurate.

"From what I've viewed on TV, Liverpool has a definite weakness at the back and I am not rapt in its goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar," he said. How right he was.

Then he claimed that Everton striker Gary Lineker was the man to exploit the Liverpool defence. This he did, just ask Alan Hansen.

"And I very much like their wing half, Peter Reid," he added. Reid played well and supplied that pearler of a pass to set up Everton's goal.

For all his knowledge and perfect predictions, Tom tarnished his copybook with a choice of the Evertonians to lift the Cup.

TERRY GREEDY's decision to step down last week from the No.1 spot for St George against Marconi was surprising.

But full credit to Greedy for having the fortitude to admit to himself that he is still a little underdone.

It was also great to see Greedy selected by ALAN VEST in the State squad. Let's hope Terry can get back to full fitness and not be worried by niggling injuries any longer.

As for the race to be his successor as Australian keeper, Terry made his thoughts clear after St George met Canberra: "What does it matter if I'm available for international selection or not when Anthony Franken continues to play the way he's playing?" said the likeable custodian.

RUMOURS persist of a behind-the-scenes clash between Frank Arok and Queensland's Ian Brusasco. But Arok last week remained firm that "he's arguing with no-one in Australian Soccer." But he pointed out that if anyone was critical of his methods it should be discussed at boardroom level and not in the papers.

HOW's this for a proud mum? Mrs Johnston speaking after her little boy (Craig) had been a vital member of the FA Cup-winning Liverpool side.

"When he scored that goal I was thinking of all Craig's struggles and fights and the times when things haven't worked out for him.

"He's believed in himself, hung in there and achieved one of the main objects in his life. That's the best gift a mother could hope for."

Lump in the throat stuff.



St George Youth Soccerroo aspirant CRAIG MOFFITT in action for his club against Sydney Olympic's Stuart Stevenson.

BRISBANE CITY coach Jim Hermiston plans to go ahead with a bid to buy his contract from Queensland XXXX League club North Star, where he played for a season and a half until taking the City coaching position. North Star slammed \$2000 on Hermiston's head when an NSL comeback was mooted recently. Hermiston may take the case to appeal.

IF there is any coach in Australia you'd bet on to curb the temperament of Israeli star forward, ELI OHANA then you would have to say it's EDDIE THOMSON, the Sydney City man-in-charge.

Ohana is remembered more for his sending off in last year's Oceania World Cup qualifier against Australia in Melbourne than for his undoubted skills.

Already a couple of the Israeli squad have made it outside of their own country, the last being midfielder and utility, David Pisanti who plays for FC Koln in the West German Bundesliga. Time will tell if 21-year-old Ohana can live up to his reputation for Sydney City.

SO Liverpool won the C.A. Cup! Well according to the newsreader on Channel 10's Good Morning Australia it is.

Of course, he was referring to the F.A. Cup that CRAIG JOHNSTON brought home 'Down Under' with him.

Maybe he wanted to rename it 'Craig's Australian Cup.'

ADELAIDE CITY chairman Charlie Caruso has told fans to ignore a report that the club is expecting the arrival of a Scottish striker.

"It's rubbish," said Caruso. "We are negotiating with a player from Alloa, but at this stage we are looking at three months away."

"When we have something sealed, and a date fixed, we'll make it all official."

KEEP these names in mind for the Youth Soccerroos. Craig Moffitt and Scott Ollerenshaw (St George), Darren Northam (Blacktown), Lou Hristodoulou (Ad Hellas) and AIS boys, Jason Polak and John Koch.

Coach of the Youth side, Les Scheinflug has them already pencilled in for the Oceania qualifying rounds of the World Youth Cup in January.

BRILLIANT SOCCEROO Jim Patikas was more or less the centre of attention and controversy when his Greek club side AEK of Athens met arch-rivals Panathinaikos in the Greek Cup semi-final last week.

Young Jim was very much a marked man throughout the game following his clash with Pao's goalie Nick Sarganis a few weeks ago which resulted in a broken leg for the keeper (ASW having the exclusive picture).

Prior to the game Pao's captain, John Kyrastas came out in the press and accused Patikas of deliberately injuring the keeper.

Sarganis himself said it was deliberate.

Prior to the Cup game Jim said, "The AEK people have stood by me and I hope to repay them by turning in a big game."

A bigger game he could not have had. Patikas scored both AEK goals in a 2-2 draw with the League Champions and was the unanimous Man of the Match.

THE news that the ASF has a guaranteed fixed income of \$2.64 million to run the national team over the next four years is great.

There will also be extra sponsorship money worth \$300,000 to \$400,000 to help finance the Soccerroos, the Young Soccerroos and the Under-16 National side. Goodness knows Aussie Soccer needs every penny it can get.

HAVE a look at what one Alex Gordon wrote in WORLD SOCCER last month in his Scotland World Cup preview for the respected magazine.

Writing about Scotland's qualifying efforts: "And how can you go into raptures over the 0-0 draw with Australia who know as much about football as the Duke of Edinburgh knows about playing the bagpipes?"

ASW does not know how well the Duke blows the baggies but if you analyse Scotland's recent performances compared to the Aussies, they haven't done much to blow their own trumpet.

QUIP of the Week came from Heidelberg's Alan Hunter after Adelaide Hellas had beaten his team 1-0.

The goal came from a Gary Price penalty after Hunter had up-ended striker Gary Ward, married a fortnight earlier.

"That was my late wedding present," said Hunter.

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SLAVKO HANCAR, playing for Beograd in the SA State League, is wanted by Footscray.

The big central defender is expected to be signed this week following talks and a scouting mission by Footscray official Gus McLeod.

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In Division 2 Harsden defeated a good James Ruse side 1-0, with the winner coming very late in the game, as was often the case in many of the game. This was a good team effort with no stand out star players.

A young Muirfield team overcame early nerves and the psychological barrier of playing a much bigger Oakhill team to win 2-0.

Oakhill would feel very disappointed after having all the play in the first

half but being denied a goal by a mixture of good and at times scrambling defence.

In the second half Muirfield gained in confidence and began to dominate the further the game went. Outstanding for Muirfield were captain Terry Ide, Jason Fink and goalkeeper Brad Bosward.

Two of the most exciting games were in Division 4 and 5. Airds defeated Macquarie Fields on penalties after scores were level at 4-4 and Canterbury did likewise to Kingsgrove after a 2-2 draw.

This was a most exciting game. Canterbury led 1-0 at halftime and 2-0 early in the second half before 2 late Kingsgrove goals, within a minute, levelled the scores.

After being ahead 3-2 with only two penalties remaining Kingsgrove eventually lost 3-4 with the Canterbury goalkeeper outstanding.

The following round will be played this week with some outstanding games in prospect. In Division 2 the highlight is the Harsden v Carlinford game, in Division 4 Casula play a Liverpool team, which have been training hard since February; Greystanes v Patrician Bros Fairfield, Cabramatta v Birrong, Granville v Harist Bros Auburn and finally in Division 5 Kingsgrove Nth v Bankstown, Belmore (containing last year's great run) v Hurstville had Kogarah v James Cook (the local derby) are the pick of the matches to be played.

The boys would love to see more spectators at the games and details can be obtained by ringing the sportsmanager of the schools concerned.

TASMANIA

Three teams are now equal on points at the top of the ladder after Juventus-Pioneer's 2-1 scrap with Metro.

Round 6 results:

Juventus-Pioneer (Fabrizio, Broadhouse d Metro (Ferrall) 2-1, Olympia-WPL (Nichols, Barrell, Xanthopoulos) d Rapid (Fletcher) 3-1, White Eagles (A. Leszczynski, R. Leszczynski) d Croatia 2-0, Caledonians (Murtagh, Wright, Bolton) dw Howrah (New, Swift, Schueler) 3-3.

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IRAQ AND COMPANY CAN'T HOLD A CANDLE TO THE SOCCEROOS

LIKE most Soccer fans, I am an avid follower of SBS television's superb World Soccer programme presented by Les Murray at 6pm on Saturdays.

I was more than interested in a recent programme which featured the Iraq-Syria match, the winner (Iraq) qualifying for the Mexico World Cup finals.

The interest stemmed from whether Iraq is a more deserving finalist than the Socceroos.

And the answer to that is a very simple "no."

The Socceroos would have beaten Iraq and on past performances Canada and South Korea (a country which has still to beat Australia at senior level) and possibly some of the other finalists.

Iraq, 1986 vintage, were little better than the side which the 1974 Socceroos bundled out of that World Cup although admittedly those matches were played in Australia.

And the Iraqis were not a better side than the Iranians which the 1974 Socceroos also beat on their way to West Germany.

If our current Socceroos would have beaten Iraq then they would have had little trouble with the Syrian team which rates as the second best in the Middle East region.

Which of course all brings us again to the much publicised raw deal Oceania receives in the World Cup elimination rounds.

The following table shows how FIFA allocated the 22 places for the 1986 World Cup.

Total entries 121 nations.

Total qualifiers 22 to join host Mexico and previous winners Italy.

Asia 27 nations entered with two final positions allocated; Africa 29 nations entered with two final positions allocated; Central America 18 nations entered with one final position allocated; South America 10 nations entered with four final positions allocated; Europe 33 nations entered with 12 final positions allocated; Oceania 4 nations entered with no final position.

Europe of course ended up with 13 qualifiers and Oceania none.

For the 1990 World

American qualifier.

Forget all the reasons given by FIFA.

The reason Oceania has such an impossible draw, as I have stated many times in the past, is that an Israeli qualification will cause serious embarrass-

ment to FIFA, with possible withdrawals from the World Cup finals.

As such, Oceania, Israel's current group, will always receive the rough end of the stick.

Oceania's solution to the problem?

Like other Confederations, and with due respect to the enormous relationship between Australia and Israel, Oceania has to refuse to play in Israel's group.

Or better still to lobby with the Asians, and possibly Africans too, to get

another qualifier from their region.

Asia and Africa have a massive voting power at FIFA level.

With their third-placed qualifier playing off with the Oceania winner for another possible place in the finals, this would be acceptable to them and to Oceania.

**ASW ACT man
JOHNNY WARREN
writes of the
injustice to the
Aussies in the
World Cup**



OSCAR CRINO looks on as the Scottish defence (including the onlooking Alex McLeish) wait for a mistake from keeper Jim Leighton (out of picture) as he defies Aussie captain, John Kosmina.

JAMES HARDIE TROPHY DRAW

THE draw for the James Hardie Trophy for under 12 teams in the ACT and played before the NSL matches at Bruce Stadium throughout the season is:

Bel North v Majura, Bel South v Bel West, Croatia Deakin v Tuggeranong, Weston Creek v Canberra City Olympians.

Recent early round results in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup: Punchbowl 8, Picnic Point 1; Bonnyrigg 6, Ashcroft 2; Leumeah 4, Hurstville Agricultural 0; Casula 3, Macquarie Fields 0; Moorebank 2, Westfields 0; Birrong 3, East Hills 1; Elderslie 6, Airds 1; Warren 4, Nyngan 1; Dubbo 5, Narromine 0; Parkes 3, Kandos 0; Fobres 2, Orange 0; Canobolas 6, Condobolin 0; Blayney 2, Oberon 1; Bathurst 5, Young 0; Kelso beat Lithgow on penalties after 1-1 at full time; Dubbo South 4, Delroy 0; Wellington 4, Oak Hill 0; Dubbo 12, Bourke 0; Parkes 2, Forbes 1; Blayney 7, West

Wyalong 1; Dubbo South 7, Mudgee 4; Wellington 5, Gulgong 0; Dubbo 14, Warren 3; Canobolas 4, Parkes 0; Bathurst 3, Blayney 0; Wellington 5, Dubbo South 2.

The draw for the semi finals of the Western Region of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup is: Dubbo v Canobolas and Bathurst v Wellington.

— J.W.

OAK TURNER CUP REPORT

THE first round matches have been played in this year's Oak Turner Cup competition, with no apparent surprises but some incredibly close matches.

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BINGHAM'S BONNIE BOYS WILL BATTLE

FRANK COLETTA surveys the Northern Ireland World Cup prospects.

IT's some measure of Northern Ireland's international stature that nobody was at all surprised to hear that the dazzling Danes had come close to losing at Windsor Park, Belfast last month.

Deadly Denmark, in fact, trailed the Irish until late in the game when they scraped in for a draw in the World Cup warm-up.

The Irish team is made up of experience and will-to-win.

In 1958 he was right wing in the side which made the quarter-finals in Sweden; in 1982 he was the manager who led his country to Spain, where they became the only unseeded side to qualify for the second phase; now in 1986 he's there once more and confident that his team can uphold a finals record that stands proud.

Led in sterling and often brilliant fashion by the last of the Busby Babes, Sammy McIlroy,

That is not the lone giant-killing effort by the Irishmen. In the qualifying tournament for the European Championship in 1984 they showed the then European Champions, West Germany, where to get off.

They beat the Germans 1-0 both home and away with Manchester United's Norman Whiteside having more than his bit to do with it.

In captain Sammy McIlroy they have a player who is now into his 14th

this season to Manchester City who have failed to utilise his talents to the fullest and now he appears likely to move on.

It seems likely he may become the first Irish outfielder to play 100 games if his form for the national side continues.

Apart from Jennings in defence there is the steady head of another ex-Manchester United man in the 29-year-old Jimmy Nicholl. Born in Canada, Jimmy spent his first 10 years at United. Then came three years commuting between Toronto Blizard, Sunderland, Glasgow Rangers and West Brom.

Mal Donaghy had the bad luck to be sent off against Spain in the memorable 1982 victory.

Donaghy plays for Luton Town and was brought into the side in 1980 by Bingham who has no hesitation in describing him as "a Rolls-Royce of a player."

Then there is David McCreery who won his 50th cap against England last November, nine years after his debut against Scotland in 1976.

Norman Whiteside, 21, is still the baby of the side even though he made his debut a couple of weeks before the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain.

His progress has been little short of remarkable.

Quite simply, what he has achieved has been phenomenal.

Two FA Cup wins, youngest player to compete in the World Cup Finals (beating Pele's record). Youngest ever captain of Manchester United.

Much of Northern Ireland's progress will rest heavily on the shoulders of this gifted youngster.

Up front, there is Ian Stewart, Colin Clarke, Jimmy Quinn and Noel Brotherston.

Veteran Gerry Armstrong will be relied on heavily once more. The

winner of more than 60 caps, he was Ireland's most celebrated star in the 1982 Finals.

He was Britain's top scorer in those Finals, one of those being the goal that sunk host-nation, Spain.

His partner in 1982 was Billy Hamilton and the Oxford striker could again play a vital part.

In qualifying this time round, Northern Ireland once again did it the hard way, losing their opening match in Finland 1-0.

An unlucky 1-0 loss to England in Belfast where McIlroy and Whiteside dominated and a disappointing 0-0 draw in Turkey left the Irish needing to win in Bucharest against Romania to stay in the hunt.

In a performance that must rank alongside those against Spain and West Germany, Bingham's boys held solid under the furious attacks launched by Romania after Blackburn's Jimmy Quinn had given them the lead on the half hour.

So on to Wembley where a 0-0 draw against England was enough to see Northern Ireland qualify for



Northern Ireland captain, SAMMY MCILROY. His performances will be vital.



Manager Billy Bingham joins Pat to celebrate Northern Ireland's World Cup qualification.

Seasoned campaigners such as 40-year-old goalkeeper Pat Jennings, skipper Sammy McIlroy, Jimmy Nicholl, John McClelland, Mal Donaghy, John O'Neill, David McCreery, Gerry Armstrong and Norman Whiteside are some of the cast-iron fixtures in the Irish squad.

It's no secret that Northern Ireland are possibly the hardest team in the world to beat. The priceless experience of keeper Pat Jennings and his fear of failure are a couple of the reasons for their combination being so formidable.

If anyone sees this as an overstatement, then just have a look at the results from the Irish of late.

With the astonishing Jennings in goal, holder of a world record 116 caps, the Irish had gone six games, five on foreign soil, without conceding a goal.

Denmark became the first side to score against them in a long while when they drew and following that, Ireland defeated fellow World Cup qualifiers Morocco, 2-1.

Qualification for Mexico completed a remarkable and memorable hat-trick for manager Billy Bingham.

For on each of the three occasions that Northern Ireland have qualified for a finals series he has been involved.

Irish eyes should be smiling in Mexico.

Their group is a difficult one to qualify from to say the least. But although Brazil should win Group D, Bingham's charges should push for the second place against Spain and Algeria.

In fact they may start with a certain psychological advantage over the Spaniards after taking them apart in Spain 1982 and winning 1-0 in Valencia.

season of international football. He holds no less than 84 caps and has five goals for the greens.

He was a champion with the great Manchester United side. Who can forget his superb goal in the 1979 FA Cup Final against Arsenal to draw the sides level 2-2?

He moved from United after 11 loyal years there that began as an apprentice and went to Stoke City. From there it was to Maine Road at the start of



Northern Ireland in readiness.



Glenn Hoddle unleashes a ferocious 25-yarder, but Jennings is equal to the occasion with a spectacular flying save (right).

SCOTLAND HAS A PROBLEM

... OR TWO!

FRANK COLETTA discusses the Scottish chances in the World Cup.

SCOTLAND were hit with their biggest bombshell last week when Kenny Dalglish, Liverpool's double-winning player-manager, pulled out of the Scotland World Cup squad.

Dalglish gave Scots team manager Alex Ferguson the news after a specialist report on his injured knee.

He picked up the injury a month ago and it flared again in the FA Cup Final against Everton.

The verdict on the Monday after, following an X-ray, was "rest the knee for at least three weeks."

Scotland left on Thursday for altitude training in Santa Fe, California, and its first match is against Denmark on June 4.

Dalglish said: "I never thought the injury was that bad. It's the same knock which forced me to pull out of the game against England at Wembley."

A shattered Alex Ferguson admitted: "This is a real blow. I will miss Kenny very much in Mexico, not just as a player, but as an influence."

Ferguson acted swiftly, calling up Barcelona striker Steve Archibald as Dalglish's replacement.

Archibald was originally left out of the Mexican 22 for fitness problems.

Realistically, this Scottish squad can't look forward to an amazing World Cup series, up against West Germany, Uruguay and Denmark.

They struggled to beat Australia, who can consider themselves mighty unlucky not to have qualified ahead of them. They got through to the play-offs in a very fortunate fashion courtesy of a debatable penalty against the luckless Welsh.

Yet they made it albeit fortuitously.

Led by Graeme Souness, the Scots should have a certain degree of mettle in their side particularly in their midfield.

The current Scottish skipper with the debonair style and the ruthlessly —



PAUL McSTAY
(Celtic)



MAURICE MALPAS
(Dundee Utd)

honed attitude to winning. Souness is as competitive as they come.

Now with Dalglish out he will have to shoulder even more of the responsibility than ever and have to play deeper than usual.

For Scottish supporters every four years represents peace-shattering times as they make it easy for anyone and everyone to identify the average Scottish fan.

He is the one with the bulging eyes, the nervous twitches, the hysterical laughter and the one who foams at the mouth!

What will happen to Alex Ferguson's squad in

the sweltering strength-sapping heat of Mexico? Well Scotland has been drawn in the hardest and most awesome group that has been put together in many a World Cup.

Denmark, West Germany and Uruguay are in it. Unfortunately for the Scots there isn't a Canada, South Korea, Iraq or Morocco in sight. There is no nation that the Scots will be able to use for shooting practice. There are no lame ducks where Scotland could have done their goal difference the world of good.

Alex Ferguson's side will have to be patient in their build-up, letting the ball do the work and speeding up the operation in the danger zone. As all



Scotland prior to the Wales match.

sides should be doing.

The Scots will be hoping that the accurate passing of Souness, Paul McStay, Jim Bett and Gordon Strachan will expose any weaknesses in the opposition's rearguard.

Scotland certainly won't concede an abundance of goals in Mexico but then it seems as if they won't score a lot either. What can be said about goal-less draws against Australia and East Germany, a 2-1 loss to a severely under-strength England and a dreary 1-0 win over Israel? Nothing much in optimism.

Those sort of results will not suffice in Mexico by any stretch of the imagination.

Already Scotland are being written off in some quarters but this will be a dedicated bunch of professionals in Mexico and any nation that thinks otherwise will be in serious trouble on the field.

It rests with the likes of Davie Cooper, Charlie Nicholas, Frank McAvennie, Steve Archibald and Gordon Strachan to do the work up front if Scotland are to sample any success.

My View

Will struggle to qualify from Group D. They couldn't have found themselves in a tougher group. Can't stick my neck out here because Scotland might go out first up.



RICHELDO
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(West Ham)

SAINTS TO STOP ADVANCING BERRIES

ST GEORGE next Sunday will have its hands full when they attempt to put a sudden stop to Canterbury's steady advance from the bottom of the League table.

The two clubs meet at the St George Stadium. St George could be considered a trifle unlucky last Sunday not to come away from the Gabbie Stadium with both League points against Blacktown City.

Blacktown was able to score in the last few seconds through Adam Sandy to pull off a surprise 1-all draw.

By JOHN ECONOMOS

But Canterbury, the NSL's new baby, scored their biggest victory of the season on Sunday at Arlington Oval, when they crushed the visiting Inter Monaro by 5 goals to 0.

Their two new Croatian midfielders, Burin Zaimi and Peter Zrilic, have injected much steel, guidance and experience into Canterbury's midfield.

And with their goalkeeper, Ian Barker playing some top stuff between the posts, Canterbury has developed into a most respectable outfit.

Two weeks ago, they managed to lock Sydney City into a 1-all draw to snatch another valuable league point.

Their back-four of George Akoutas, John Radman, George Haniotis and skipper, Spyros Hantzis, look pretty stable under pressure at all times. The Berries' midfield



CRAIG JOHNSTON at the weekend.

of Zaimi, Bernie Godzik, Zrilic and Nelio Borges, is highly industrious and imaginative.

But the Berries lack a little upfront where Johnny Pettas and Chris Thamnidis are lightweights against tough, seasoned defences.

The Saints despite gaining three league points from their last two outings, still have problems they won't admit to.

Recently they have got things in order in their back four with right back, David Skeen playing some wonderful stuff with captain David Ratcliffe keeping a tight rein on things.

But the St George midfield is still in a mess.

In this area, there is too much loose play where players filling in neglect their pick-up work.

John O'Shea made a surprise comeback last Sunday against Blacktown City, but was left on his own to tackle.



For Sunday, the Saints will have back available for selection, stopper Mike O'Shea and Craig Moffitt, both missed last Sunday's match, out with suspension, utility player, Pedro Ricoy, is also back fully fit.

David Ratcliffe, the St George captain, said last night.

"This match on Sunday will be tough . . . we have improved a lot but so has Canterbury.

"Last Sunday against Blacktown City was the first goal we have con-

ceded in the last three games. Our problems now are confined to the midfield and upfront.

"We won't have many goals scored against us but then we are having difficulty getting them up the other end," Stated a worried Ratcliffe.

St George's World Cup goalkeeper, Terry Greedy, will again miss Sunday's match. Greedy has a pinched shoulder nerve and will be out for another two weeks.

Last Sunday, striker, John McKie came on as a substitute and caused Blacktown considerable problems with his probing raids.

Scott Ollerenshaw, the St George left striker, also had an excellent match last Sunday and could soon bring the goals that the Saints badly thirst for.

So far this season, St George has scored eight goals and conceded seven. Canterbury on the other hand has scored nine but has conceded 11.

The Saints are in seventh position on the ladder, whilst the Berries have slowly lifted themselves into eighth spot in the League.

TOP STUFF EDDIE AND KOSSIE

By JOHN ECONOMOS

EDDIE THOMSON and John Kosmina did a magnificent job as special studio guests for the ABC's telecast of this year's F.A. Cup Final.

Presenting the Cup Final from the ABC's Sydney studios, was Peter Wilkins who again was at his professional best.

The dialogue between the three had substance, bounce and was very short and direct.

Thomson and Kosmina not only provided excellent product-analysis but even looked the part by dressing most correctly for

the telecast.

The Sydney City master, Thomson, especially scrubbed up extremely well. Viewers throughout the week commented that he looked a lot younger on the screen than his years.

"Not bad for a 56 year old bloke," fast Eddie cracked to ASW last night when we called the champion NSL coach to congratulate him.



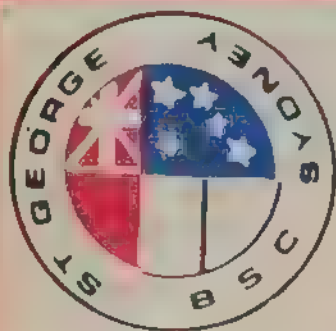
JOHN KOSMINA

Eddie will again be joining Wilkins, together with Liverpool's Craig Johnston when the ABC Network begins its live telecasts later this month of the World Cup in Mexico.



EDDIE THOMSON — doing fine on the ABC.

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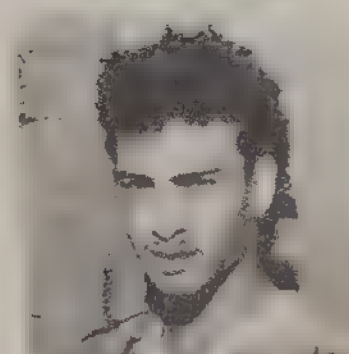
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SYDNEY OLYMPIC TO FACE A DEFIANT CANBERRA CITY

SYDNEY OLYMPIC on Sunday, faces a rejuvenated, defiant Canberra City Olympians at Pratten Park as the boys from the National Capital will be out to prove their committee is wrong.

The Canberra sponsors, Downer Olympic, are questioning their involvement with NSL Football, but their team last Sunday, bounced back with strong, vigorous displayed against the visiting Apia.

Canberra, despite trailing one nil after Apia's skipper Terry Butler scored, rushed back with four goals to send the Sydney side reeling.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

But they will find the Olympic opposition a little different.

Olympic last Sunday, before a crowd of almost 1,000 at the Sydney Athletic Field came away with a precious league point from last year's NSL champions, Sydney City.

Canberra City has their next three games to be played all away.

They will meet Sydney Olympic twice in these three games. The first is next Sunday in the league when back up the following Friday to meet them again in the Nanda Soccer Cup Round 2.

After these two matches, Canberra on Sunday week face Sydney City in Sydney for Round 9 of the league.

POWER STRIKERS

Sydney Olympic's

powerful strike-line of Marshall Soper, Stuart Stevenson and Chris Kalantzis, will be hungry for goals to get back up at the top of the table.

With their draw last Sunday, Sydney Olympic, despite still remaining the only undefeated side in the league, has slipped to second spot on the ladder, relinquishing the lead to Wollongong City.

The powerful Olympic side has notched up no fewer than 17 goals whilst conceding eight. Canberra in contrast has hit the target seven times and allowed in nine.

The rejuvenated Canberra line up should be. Goalkeeper Anthony Franken, Defence, Jason Dunne, Peter Burke, Jimmy Cant with coach Steve Bryant at left back.

Canberra's midfield should see Tommy Sermanni, John Mihailidis and Jim Hamilton set up the goals, whilst upfront, Hilton Phillips, Ray Junna and Ian Gibson will be chasing scalps.

Sydney Olympic this season has the best opportunity to win its first

ever NSL Championship in its history.

With probably the largest squad of players at their disposal, and skippered by the cunning playmaker, Peter Kaskopoulos, Olympic is hungry for added success for their thousands of supporters.

Soper and Stevenson, have yet to get amongst the goals this season, but both are powerful, explosive experienced players that must be respected.

Both are capable of turning the tide single-handed in any match.

Should these two deadly strikers cut loose and find top form, together with the lethal left foot of flank-striker, Chris Kalantzis, don't be surprised if Olympic pulls off the "NSL Double" of cracking the league and the cup.

They have it all. The defence with Martyn Rogers, Tony Dakos, Mike Coady and Gary Phillips, has enormous experience plus a flair to come forward into attack.

BY TOM McKAIN

EDMUND KREFT is confident he can lift Adelaide Hellas up the table, and at least into the top seven for next year's "super league."

Dropped by Adelaide City at the end of last season, the veteran coach has slotted in neatly at Hellas as the replacement for deposed Neil McGachey.

"If I didn't think I could do something for the club I would not have taken the job," he said after his first match which provided the team's first home win of the season.

It was only 1-0 against Heidelberg thanks to a penalty, but Kreft will cash in on the boost it gave the players' morale.

"We were all nervous before the game," he said.

"There is still a lot of sentiment for Neil, and I felt it too, having known him for years.

"But everyone knew there was a job to be done and they did it, but there is still a lot of work to do."

Kreft pinpointed three areas very quickly.

"The defence, the midfield and the attack," he said with a wry smile.

"We have Socceroos Charlie Yankos and Robbie Dunn an excellent partnership on paper, but they have not played often enough together.

"Once they get used to each other and we work out a system which will suit both of them, things should get tighter at the back.

"We still have to work out a settled midfield formation, and that will come only after we try out various formations — but while we are doing it, we must also pick up points."

Kreft sent minor shockwaves through the ranks of fans when he left Scottish import Brian McLaughlin on the bench, after he had been starring in midfield.

"I regard McLaughlin as a ballplaying midfielder, the same as Graham Honeyman, and the latter is the man I know best so we moved him back to midfield.

"McLaughlin has not been discarded.

"Every player in the squad, and those who play in our reserve team in the State League First Division, get a first start."

Discussing the attack, Kreft said he was pleased with the way Melbourne Croatia's Gary Ward had performed after being signed on the Friday before the Heidelberg game.

"Here again you have a new face trying to settle quickly into a new team," he said.

Apart from McLaughlin, Kreft has Socceroo Youth player John Panagis as a midfielder while Alan Scott, currently an attacking full back, can also play across the middle of the park.

He has Brenton Hiern, a regular defender last year, now in the reserves along with Steve Papadopoulos and Nick Mousoulis, who started the season as a first choice full back.

Current right back, Tim Brown, can also operate in midfield to challenge McLaughlin, and the other current midfielders, Chris Manou and Lou Hristodoulou.

Captain Honeyman seems certain to be a permanent midfield man as far as Kreft is concerned — unless Yankos or Dunn drop out injured.

Ward will get his chance to prove he can score goals, while current front runners Gary Price and George Konstandopoulos are certain to be pushed by Papadopoulos,

and Scott may eventually emerge as a winger.

Kreft has already announced he saw at least two outstanding young players in the reserve team.

"But now is not the time to experiment with too many youngsters," he said.

"We will have to go for every point and in that situation experience will count."

And Kreft will get more help with the possible arrival of another striker.

President Mr Frank Karagiannis said the club was determined to be in the new-look league next season.

"We are looking for value for money, and if we find a player who can do a job for us we will buy," he said.

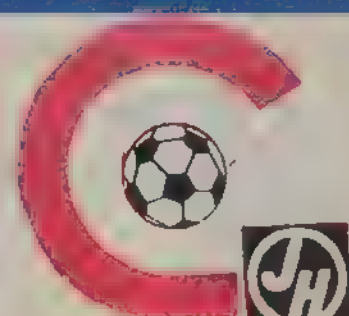


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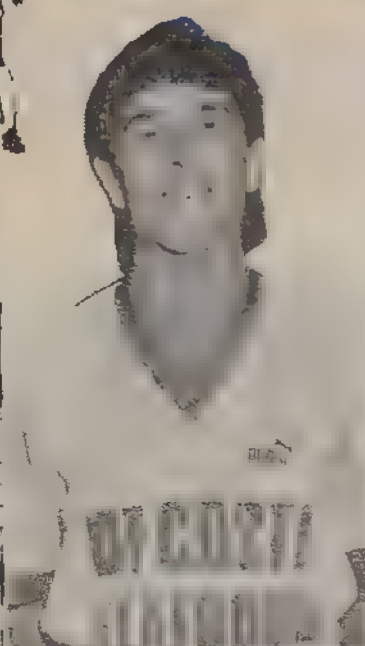
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OLYMPIA TOO GOOD FOR WHITE EAGLES

OLYMPIA-WPL continued to race up the charts as they accounted for leaders White Eagles in their 5th round State League South game at Grove Road.

A game that was predicted by Olympia coach, Ken Morton, to be a tough and very important encounter ended in joy for the Greek-based club.

Although a goal down, thanks to Banasik, Olympia fought back to level the score before a Goldsmith penalty put them ahead.

The Eagles fell apart, and further goals by Forster and Nichols settled the issue.

Meanwhile, Glenorchy Croatia took over the leadership with a 2-0 win over bottom side, Metro. Huigsloot and O'Brien gave them the win.

Rapid went down to Calies, 3-0, after both sides had to do some player reshuffles. But the loss still leaves Rapid coach, Otto Klaus, with many headaches. His team has only one point from five games.

Round 5 results:
Olympia-WPL (Nichols) 2, Goldsmith, Forster) d White Eagles (Banasik) 4-1, Juventus-Pioneer (Pace 2, Broadhouse) d Howrah (Brightman) 3-1, Glenor-

chy-Croatia (Huigsloot, O'Brien) d Metro 2-0, Caledonians (Linnell 2, Parker) d Rapid 3-0.

Ulverstone, after having been almost dead and gone at the start of the Tasmanian State League North league campaign, have bounced back and are now sitting second in the competition.

Having lost many players at the start of the year, they have had to rely on their youth. The infusion of younger players has been a direct result of the club's youth policy.

Now that the Reds are over their tottering start to the season, they are looking forward to a very successful year.

— JOHN TSCHEPPEA

Ladder (after Rnd. 5):

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Glen.-Croatia	5	4	1	0	15	4	9
White Eagles	5	3	1	1	14	5	7
Juventus-Pioneer	5	3	1	1	16	9	7
Olympia-WPL	5	3	0	2	19	12	6
Caledonians	5	2	1	2	8	15	5
Howrah	5	2	0	3	7	11	4
Rapid	5	0	1	4	2	12	1
Metro	5	0	1	4	1	14	1

Club Information:

Name: Ulverstone Soccer Club. Phone 004 25 3804

Nickname: The Reds

President: Sam Smyth

Coach: Joe McGrory

Year formed: 1960

Colours: Red shirts, black shorts, red socks

Ground: Knight's Road
Honours (Recently): Steve Hudson Cup winners — 1978, 79, 83, Ampol Cup winners — 1982, Burnie Cup winners — 1985, 86.

1985 League results:

P W D L F A Pts
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Back, L to R: S. Smyth (President), J. Compagne, Jnr., M. Jones, A. Howe, R. Andrews, D. Mitchell, J. McGrory (Coach), D. Anderson, N. Netherery, J. Compagne, Snr. (A/Coach).
Front, L to R: Michael Gorrie, M. Foote, L. Thurley, T. Compagne, B. Dougan, Mal Gorrie, T. Gorrie (Trainer).

NEWCASTLE GET A HEAP OF TALENT!

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

NEWCASTLE Rosebud United's latest signing Stuart Heap arrived from the UK on May 10. But Rosebud fans will not see him in action in a home match before June 14.

Heap, the 21-year-old ex-Tranmere Rovers and more recently Burnley Central League team striker, was prevented from travelling to Australia earlier because of a delay in his visa being issued.

He arrived at Newcastle's Aeropelican airfield shortly after Newcastle Rosebud had gone down 1-0 to Wollongong City in a National League fixture.

Rosebud coach Peter Irving had previously told Heap that because of his team's recent encouraging performances, he may not find an immediate place in the side.

But the failure of Mark Jones and Sean Ingham to

put away several chances in the Wollongong match may see the new recruit on the field earlier than had been anticipated.

However, barring injury, Rosebud followers will not see Heap play at home before June 14, when Newcastle meets Inter-Monaro.

The reason for this is that early in the year, Rosebud had agreed to give Blacktown a home match on May 25 due to Blacktown expecting Kevin Keegan as a guest player for three games.

Due to other commitments though, Keegan is unable to come.

So, after the Blacktown v Newcastle fixture on

May 25, a NANDA Cup quarter-final match on June 1 and Newcastle's away game against Canterbury-Marrickville on June 8, Newcastle's next appearance at the Adamstown Sports Ground will not be until June 14.

As a result of Peter Irving's visit to the UK last December-January, midfielders John Cavanagh and Paul Crabtree joined Newcastle Rosebud this season as visa players.

Derek Todd's unexpected return to England in March left a vacancy in the Rosebud squad and Heap, the third of the three players Irving had marked down for reference, has filled the void.

THREE HAT-TRICKS ON A WET WEEKEND

BY JOHN TSCHEPPEA

IN the first dismally wet weekend in Northern Tasmanian Soccer, a total of 27 goals were scored, including 11 from three players.

There were no surprises in round 7 of the Northern Tasmanian State League. Croatia, title hopefuls at the beginning of the season, stumbled again at home, this time by 3-1, to a livewire Ulverstone.

Ulverstone led by a Joe McGrory goal at halftime, and although Stillie equalised from a penalty, Croatia could not stem the flow of the young and enthusiastic Reds who, with further goals by Mitchell and McGrory, concluded a convincing win.

The first of three hat-tricks of the round fell to Conrad Hughes as his team, Georgetown, dominated proceedings against a Matic side grappling for some much-needed form.

The game was always a certainty for the 'Town and directly from the outset they asserted their authority and were never challenged.

Hughes began the demise with a well-slotted ball in the sixth minute.

Peter Sawdon made it 2-0 in the 18th minute when Pennicott was allowed to reach the goal-line and pull the ball back for his coach to glide the ball wide of Swinton.

Two minutes later, Commander fouled Sawdon and from the freekick Hughes was able to squeeze the ball between Swinton and the post.

Ladder (after Rnd 7):

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Georgetown	7	7	0	0	24	2	14
Ulverstone	7	5	1	1	22	3	11
Devonport	7	5	1	1	17	4	11
Juventus	7	5	0	2	24	7	10
Croatia	7	4	0	3	18	10	8
Burnie	7	3	1	3	15	12	7
Matic	7	1	2	4	6	20	4
Riv. Olympic	7	1	0	6	11	23	2
Western Suburbs	7	0	2	5	4	33	2
Launc. United	7	0	1	6	2	31	1

STEWART THREAT

QUEENSLAND captain John Stewart has dropped a bombshell by threatening to drop out of the Maroons side for the interstate clash with New South Wales at Perry Park next week.

Stewart, 26, is upset that his Soccerroo ambitions have been thwarted by a positional move at club level and fears a similar switch in the Queensland team will give him little chance to impress national coach Frank Arok or his assistant Eddie Thomson in the interstate game.

Stewart has been switched from his favoured central midfield to the right hand side of the team by new Lions coach Col Bennett.

"I spoke to Col about it and he said I was doing a job for the team in my new role. But as far as I am concerned, the move has spoilt my chances of

Sawdon collected his second when he chased a through ball and lobbed the keeper. Callaghan got on the scoresheet with a header 10 minutes before halftime. Hughes notched his hat-trick in the 72nd when he blasted his shot across goal and into the net.

The second hat-trick hero of the round was Mike Meldrum. He secured his against a helpless Western Suburbs as Devonport romped home by six goals.

And the third hat-trick went to Colin Guest, Juventus' recent UK import. In fact, he was on a double-hat-trick as he helped himself to five of Juve's seven goals against Launceston United.

United scored first through Fraser, but ended the first half trailing 2-1.

Juve continued their rampage and concluded their afternoon with a 7-1 win.

Round 7 results:

Ulverstone (McGrory 2, Mitchell) d Croatia (Stillie) 3-1, Georgetown (Hughes 3, Sawdon 2, Callaghan) d Matic 6-0, Devonport (M. Meldrum 3, D. Meldrum, Pizzerani, o.g.) d Western Suburbs 6-0, Juventus (C. Guest 5, Hodge, Mies) d Launceston United (Fraser) 7-1, Burnie (Luttmer, Troughton) d Riverside Olympic (Stewart) 2-1.

Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

ILLAWARRA striker and district player of the year one season and dropped to reserve grade the next.

That was the story with Fernhill's Peter Thompson before his club's premier league game against Bellambi at Towradgi Park.

Coach Gerry Walker has been far from happy with his team in recent weeks and the dropping of Thompson was one of a number of changes he has tried.

Against Bellambi, Fernhill found themselves a goal down after just 30 seconds but recovered their composure to beat the bottom of the table side 5-1 after leading 4-1 at the interval.

Thompson is too good a player to be left out of the Fernhill line-up for too long and could yet play an important role in the team's fight for a place in the semi-finals.

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West-Figtree midfielder Geoff Fellowes has been named in the Illawarra squad to meet ACT in Canberra next month after a controversial start to the season.

Fellowes went to Fairy Meadow in the off-season and played Ampol Cup games for them but later decided he preferred the less strenuous training routine of district football.

Fairy Meadow coach Mike Johnson was keen to retain Fellowes but the player walked out and later asked for a transfer.

There was a delay over the transfer because of the circumstances in which Fellowes left Fairy Meadow but he eventually made a late start with Figtree.

After just three premier league games he was named by district coach Robert Fryer for the Canberra trip.

Champions Bulli had four players named in the Illawarra side — Tony Charnock, Kevin Lewis, Ian Cirson and Phil Bragg.

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A premier league club was recently hauled over the coals by the ISA after rejecting an offer to stage the Sunday match of the day.

It seems the club concerned had a very good case and were not fined, but it is obvious if a club says "no thank you" in future there could be serious repercussions.

Maybe some clubs may decide to do just that to avoid those irritating clashes with NSL games played at Wollongong Showground.

Most clubs are against the clash and something will have to be done in the near future.

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Wollongong Macedonia midfielder Antony Welbourne has really been in the wars recently.

Signed from the Wollongong City youth squad this year, Welbourne has settled in at his new club well but against Avala suffered a nasty jaw injury and staggered from the field after the final whistle not too sure where

he was. Fortunately there was no break and he turned out in the game against Kur-ring-gai a week later.

In that game he burst a blood vessel in a leg and had to be replaced.

For his sake we can only hope things don't come in threes particularly as the team has been plagued with injuries since the start of the season.

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Unanderra haven't made too much of an impact since their arrival in the premier league this season but one player who stands out in centre-half Paul Meares.

Meares was a key player as Unanderra forged their way to the championship in first division last season and is carrying on with that form.

He is a very strong defender but unlike many district players in that role has the ability to distribute the ball well when he gets it.

It is an asset some defenders in teams well up the table wish they had.

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Paul Quinn, Fernhill striker, radio super star and recently transferred.

He didn't leave Fernhill — he left Wollongong radio station 2WL to go to the big smoke and join 2CH.

One of the bright personalities of district Soccer, Quinn is certainly a loyal player as he travels back to Wollongong to train and play with his club.

Coach Gerry Walker rates Quinn very highly and says if all his players had his energy and drive Fernhill would be contesting the competition lead.

WHITE EAGLES ON TOP AGAIN

WHITE EAGLES regained their place at the top of the State League South ladder after their two goal win over their rivals Glenorchy-Croatia.

The sixth round tie seemed to be heading for a draw. At half-time neither team had scored, although the Eagles had soaked up a lot of pressure.

Then the Leszczynski brothers stung the Croats when they scored from two quick breaks.

Andrew played a ball to his brother, Richard, who steered the ball past keeper Steve Smith.

The second goal came when Richard laid on a ball for Andrew. His shot carried over the line after Smith had made a brave attempt to save.

Ladder (after Rnd. 6):

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
White Eagles	6	4	1	1	16	5	9
Glen.-Croatia	6	4	1	1	15	6	9
Juve-Pioneer	6	4	1	1	18	10	9
Oly-WPL	6	4	0	2	22	13	8
Caledonians	6	2	2	2	11	18	6
Howrah	6	2	1	3	10	14	5
Rapid	6	0	1	5	3	15	1
Metro	6	0	1	5	2	16	1

ASW SHOULD BE ON TOP

BEING a constant reader of your paper, I would have to put it in front of our new "British Weekly Soccer" which I read also.

I think if it were not for some of the ethnic group connected with Soccer, the game would not survive in Australia unfortunately.

Your front page article by Greg Russell was quite interesting especially regarding Mr Arok our Australian coach having watched both matches against Scotland, I reckon Australia were rather unfortunate.

Getting back to Mr Arok he says "he cannot be told where to go."

Maybe he's right. His own club, fair enough, are engaged in the Nanda Cup and he also says "that he would like to go to Mexico where every coach should be."

I also would like to go to Mexico, but I think his duty as a coach should be at Perry Park lured to watch a few of the Queenslanders he has always ignored.

Players like John Stewart, David Hunter and as I've said before Steve Jackson should walk into his Australia team, after last week's match at Richlands Stadium where Lions beat Melbourne Croatia 1-0 and it should have been at least 3-0.

So to all you Melbourne Soccer supporters, don't be looking for too many easy matches when you come to Brisbane either from Brisbane City or the Lions.

Samuel McGregor
Inala Old

PS. I would like to say to all you Soccer administrators and coaches — get your act together and give us a good international team.

A BRACKLOW SUPPORTER

IN answer to Irene Sneyd's question "Who needs people like Uwe Bracklow writing for their code?" (ASW 6/5/86), I respectfully suggest that if there were more forthright, hard-working administrators like Uwe, the game of women's Soccer would be more advanced than it is.

There is nothing wrong with a person writing articles relating to the State or national body to which they belong. As Ms Sneyd herself agrees, ASW is for State and national news.

Once such material is submitted, it becomes the job of the editor to assess and present chosen material. To his credit I believe the ASW editor is doing an excellent job.

A check of the last six issues will show that approximately 50% of editorial space has gone to national issues, 30% to NSW and 20% to Queensland.

The fact that the other State bodies have no material published may reflect on the supply of such publicity material. Maybe these are the people that "need Uwe Bracklow".

To say that one can only read about the NSW Women's Soccer

League is not true. Over 1/3 of the "NSW" articles have looked at matters of general State interest. The remaining publicity of the WSL is both valid and justified because the WSL is one of Australia's premier Soccer competition's for women (if not THE premier competition).

To suggest that the article on the AWSA (ASW 15/4/86) is "playing a game of politics under the cover of the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY", is insulting to the integrity of Mr Bracklow and ASW.

The article clearly states that it is a "totally personal" view and is aimed at provoking thought and stimulating discussion that will be both helpful and creative for women's Soccer.

NSWWASF does NOT want to withdraw from the AWSA. All we are seeking to do is the open up free two-way communications between ALL the State bodies and the AWSA, the kind of communication that is essential for sound, progressive administration.

In conclusion all I can say is ...

"Good on you Uwe" and "Good on you, ASW". Thanks for helping to encourage this kind of positive communication.

Jeff Saul
NSWWASF Delegate
Epping

SATISFIED CUSTOMER

I would like to congratulate you on your Weekly Soccer paper AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY. It has a great coverage of all the European cup finals and of the High School Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.

I have found no other Soccer magazine with such a complete coverage of these competitions.

Keep up the great work please.

J. Whitson
Charlestown

HOCKING SAGA CONTINUED

AS a journalist of 37 years good standing and a man of integrity I am compelled to answer Mr Ian Belgre's letter to the Editor re 29.4.86 ASW HOCKING SAGA ANOTHER VIEW OF THE ISSUE.

Never in my 37-year journalistic career have I been accused of EX-PRESSING MY VIEWS and not the person's whom I've interviewed.

Mr Belgre claims: "Frank Finlay's description of him as a bitter, disappointed and angry man and other comments in his article were expressed in HIS terms not Michael's."

If Mr Belgre would have only checked whether my story was factual or not he would have saved himself some embarrassment.

Well, Mr Belgre, before I submitted Michael's story to the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY it was read by Michael's father, Eric, by Michael and by the Lavington Soccer club president Mr Brian McBurnie.

All parties agreed that my report was factual and truthful.

Mr Belgre accuses me of not bringing out all the facts surrounding Michael's case. I was told the facts by Eric Hocking and Michael.

What I've written was exactly what I had been told.

Frank Finlay JP
Albury

DISSATISFIED CUSTOMER!

I rarely if ever go to Soccer matches (NSL) these days but I think about the game a lot because I guess it's just a part of me which I can't get out of my system and what I see happening to Soccer in Sydney and Newcastle makes me very sad especially a recent event which has been ignored by Soccer authorities in Sydney.

While the Soccer media was recently berating the media in general for the poor treatment they give the game publicity wise an event of historic (and tragic for our game) significance was happening.

For the first time ever in the history of Association Football in Sydney and Australian Soccer has been relegated to the bottom rung football code, replaced by Aussie Rules in the guise of the Sydney Swans.

Forget all the dubious claims about how the game is advancing here and there and everywhere etc etc. This is an undeniable absolute fact of life which tells you in black and white how Soccer really stands in the city it was born in Australia.

The same city where more than once or twice this century Soccer was a serious rival to the dominant Rugby League code.

Even sadder is the state of club Soccer in the Newcastle area where even though the game has been in slow decline since the end of the war, despite short-lived revivals such as the KB United era and others, it appears the final hammer blow to Soccer as a real force in Newcastle will come next year when the Newcastle Rugby League will most likely join the Sydney competition which will put Soccer in Newcastle down to the same level as Soccer is now in Wollongong, an also ran.

There is a lot more I could, and would like to, say about the game in general but for now I would like to see the reaction this letter creates amongst genuine Soccer fans. Are there any left?

No doubt officials if they acknowledge my changes will rebut my claims with mealy-mouth nonsense — something of which they are expert at dispersing.

Soccer Fan
Sydney

THIS WAS A GREAT GAME

I am writing to you as a St George supporter who went to the game at Wollongong on Saturday

night 3rd May.

My wife and I came to Australia 2 years ago from England. We were and still are supporters of Arsenal. Since arriving in Sydney and have followed the St George club, the game against Wollongong was one of the most exciting and entertaining game we have seen since we came to Australia.

However I must complain about the reporter who covered the Wollongong v St George game reported in your AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

He was critical of the referee and obviously blamed him for the many fouls during the game.

We were sitting just behind the Wollongong trainer's bench in front



ROY COTTON — Innocent.

of the stand.

The referee obviously had his hands full, in the first few minutes of the game there were several hard tackles by both sides. The referee handed out free kicks and spoke to the players. The outburst from the Wollongong trainers bench was a disgrace to Australian Soccer. The Wollongong coach obviously said something which the referee decided he would not tolerate.

The game was at a high pitch with players of both sides going in hard.

Whatever the Wollongong coach said must have been serious because there was immediate retaliation from St George players near the bench.

The accusation by the reporter that Roy Cotton should have been sent off is a joke.

What he did not report

was that Cotton was badly fouled by the same Wollongong player a few minutes earlier.

The referee quite rightly cautioned the Wollongong player, when Cotton retaliated, he pushed the other player to the ground with his hands. Cotton received a caution for his offence.

Referees have a hard job to do, especially this season. I think Mr Seacy did a good job in the circumstances and used common sense in a game where it appeared to be win at all costs.

Maybe you think I am biased because I am English, but I understand Mr Seacy is also an English referee. I would like to see him referee some more of our games during the season as it is going to be a long hard season for St George.

Allan King,
Sylvania Heights

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THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

STOWELL HAS GO AT BLUES

QUEENSLAND coach Bruce Stowell has branded Alan Vest's NSW squad as "predictable."

But he also added: "It's some side. Alan Vest will have trouble deciding which players to leave out."

But despite conceding that the Blues were hot favourites to win the interstate clash for the third consecutive year, Stowell believes NSW are far from unbeatable.

He thinks Queensland made its mistake last year in allowing NSW to come forward from the back: NSW beat the Maroons 3-1 last season.

"I would imagine the full-backs this time will be Gerry Gomez and Graham Jennings. We can't allow them to come forward, we will be looking

to close down the opposition and the spaces very quickly once we lose possession," he said.

Stowell said he was surprised that Blacktown striker Robbie Slater was not in the NSW team.

"But I guess you can't go past players like Kosmina, Farina and Kalantzis," said Stowell.

WRONG SELECTION OF SURFACE

AUSTRALIAN Under 16 coach Bruce Stowell believes the Kodak Kids' chances of qualifying for the next world titles have got off a bad start because the selection trials in Canberra were held on an artificial surface.

Stowell and his co-coach Vic Dalglish were faced with a difficult selection task at the national under 15 championships because so many of the youngsters were unable to play their natural games on the Australian Institute of Sport's poly grass.

Only two of the nine days of matches at the titles were played on grass and according to Stowell the AIS refused any further use of the grass fields.

"In the end we had to pick players on what we thought they might be able to do on grass. The change to the poly grass was just too much for some youngsters."

"Goalkeepers and defenders in particular suffered. They were reluctant to dive and tackle," he said.

Stowell and Dalglish named a 31-man train-on squad which spent last week in Canberra after the championships.

NSW dominated the squad with nine players

while Northern NSW and Victoria, the other form sides of the championships, had seven players each. There were three South Australians, two Queenslanders, two Tasmanians and the player from West Australia to make up the squad.

Stowell rated the squad, which will later be trimmed to 18, as initially not appearing to be as skilful as the side he took to the inaugural World Championships in China last year.

"They look to be a more physical and stronger side which certainly won't go astray at international level. Overall I don't think the quality is as good as last year's squad but there are players in certain areas that can be developed."

"There is still plenty of time before the Oceania qualifying series and with a bit of work I believe we can get this side playing a level of football which will get us to the world finals in Canada."

THE BREAK

ALTHOUGH Queensland Soccer Federation officials are satisfied they have finally achieved a break-through in getting either Frank Arok or Eddie Thomson to Brisbane to watch the interstate game, many others in the State are far from happy that the match has been turned into a sudden-death Socceroo trial.

The feeling among some players and officials is that if the Maroons are death by the powerful New

South Wales side, it will be a ready excuse to dismiss the national squad side by players from the Sunshine state.

One of the most vocal critics has been Mount Gravatt coach Eric Thompson who in his weekly column in the QSF's magazine go Soccer, has called for Frank Arok to go fulltime.

"If this match is being billed as a Socceroo trial we are going to get a whole lot of Queensland players trying to go their thing to impress the national coach rather than playing as a team. And that is the only way we will beat such a strong New South Wales side," Thompson said.

"Arok should resign from his job at St George and spend more time travelling around Australia looking at players in two or three games, not just a one-off affair."

No Queenslanders were named for the camp, which disappointed QSF officials.

THE interstate clash between Queensland and New South Wales last year was billed as the 75th between the two States. But recently unearthed records have shown the milestone was celebrated one year too early.

This year's clash at Perry Park on June 1 will in fact be the diamond jubilee.

It is not surprising the error was made considering many of the Queensland Soccer Federation's records were lost in the devastating floods of 1974 which inundated Perry Park. But the latest statistics have been provided by Alan Fouche who has been recognised as having the most authoritative records on Queensland Soccer.

According to Fouche's records the first game between the two States was

held in Sydney in 1890 and was a 3-1 win to the Maroons, not a draw as many record books show.

Fouche, who has studied old newspapers and programmes to update his records, says the match was called off a few minutes early because of a serious injury to a NSW player.

But since that first clash, NSW has dominated the interstate series.

Of the 74 matches played, the Blues have won 47. Queensland has been successful in 19 while eight have been drawn.

NSW has scored 258 goals to Queensland's 144. As would be expected the Blues have the most impressive record when biggest wins are compared. They beat the Maroons 12-2 in Brisbane in 1933, 10-0 at Bundamba in 1946 and 11-2 in Sydney in 1948.

Queensland's best were 6-2 wins in Brisbane in 1956 and in Newcastle the same year. In only five of the 74 matches has NSW failed to score, which is an ominous sign for Queensland next weekend.

Last year's result was a

3-1 win to NSW and only now has it been realised that two more significant totals were achieved in that match. When Coalstars' Dave Wheeler equalised in the 56th minute last year, his effort was the 400th goal scored in Queensland-NSW clashes. And when NSW netted its third goal against the Maroons it was the 150th they had put in the net in matches played in Queensland.

The table below summarises the history of Old-NSW clashes:

Venue	Played	NSW W	Drawn	Qld W	NSW G	Qld G
In NSW	26	19	1	6	95	46
In Qld	45	26	6	13	150	88
In Sth Aust.	1	1	—	—	5	3
In Victoria	2	1	1	—	8	7
Totals	74	47	8	19	258	144

LIONS POINTS ARE TAKEN!

BRISBANE LIONS has lost its points from the first three rounds of the Queensland XXXX League competition.

The Queensland Soccer Federation ruled that Lions had fielded State youth team player Robert Martinov without the youngster being properly registered.

Lions had drawn two and lost one of the first three rounds. Under FIFA rules the matches are all now recorded as 0-3 losses.

The shock decision sent Lions tumbling from sixth on the table to last. The club retained its points from the round four scoreless draw with Olympic.

Clubs that benefitted from the decision were Grange Thistle, who had drawn 1-1 with Lions, Coalstars who had drawn 2-2 and Easts who had beaten Lions 2-1 but now have their goal difference improved by the change of results.

The change consolated Easts' position at the top of the table and allowed Thistle to move into clear third position.

But this year's XXXX

League is one of the closest and most competitive in years and it would be surprising if Lions do not recover from the early setbacks.

In fact club officials were thankful that the oversight was discovered so early in the season and the club lost just two points.

"It could have been a lot worse. It would have been heart-breaking to lose points at the end of the season and that could have meant relegation. At least now we have plenty of time to recover," Lions secretary Lawrence Queanbyk said.

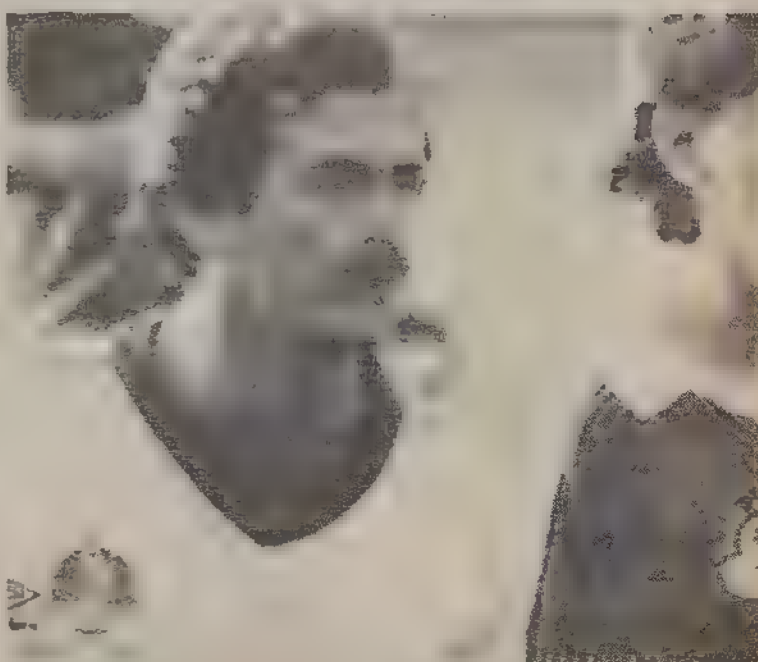
Lions this weekend have a tough job against form side North Star at O'Callaghan Park. North Star are shaping as the side which could dominate the honours this season.

But the match of the round looms as the clash between traditional rivals Mount Gravatt and Grange Thistle at Dittmer

Park. Mount Gravatt coach Eric Thompson fired a broadside at Thistle earlier in the year when he tipped them as the team likely to be relegated from the XXXX League. He added the club had not contributed much to the competition in recent

years and would not be missed.

Thistle have answered those comments by having their best start to the season in years while Mount Gravatt's form has been indifferent, if a bit unlucky.



JOHN STEWART of Lions and Queensland.

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BY TOM ANDERSON

THE greatest football show on earth will blast off at the Azteca Stadium in Mexico City on Saturday week with the clash between reigning World champions Italy and Bulgaria.

The world's top footballers will be on show and Australian TV viewers will be able to watch 27 games live on television through the SBS and ABC channels.

Here are some of the stars that will take part in the action.

ANTONIO CABRINI (Italy) world's finest attacking left-back. National captain since 1983. Only man to miss a penalty in world cup final, in 1982, although it did not stop him playing a terrific game. Ever present since late call as 20-year-old for 1978 world cup. Famous ice-cool nerve slipped in February warm-up match with West Germany when he gave away a penalty and kicked an opponent. Prone to occasional blunders, such as when headed past Dino Zoff to put Arsenal through to the 1980 European Cup winners cup final. Has won five Italian titles and champions cup with Juventus whom he joined as an 18-year-old.

GAETANO SCIREA (Italy) uncanny ability to spot danger more than makes up for this 33-year-old sweepers lack of pace. Outstanding in last two world cups. Kingpin of Juventus and Italian defence with 72 caps for his country.

PAOLO ROSSI (Italy) fairytale comeback in Spain four years ago after two year ban for involvement in Italian match-fixing scandal. Ended the tournament as the highest scorer, with six goals.

DIEGO MARADONA (Argentina) most flamboyant skills but never lived up to tag as new Pele. Kicked out of 1982 World Cup and after controversial spell with Barcelona became worlds most expensive footballer when he joined Napoli in Italy two years ago. Made his debut as 16-year-old in 1977 but Cesar Luis Menotti decided he was too young for 1978 finals. Luckily for Menotti, Argentina won the cup. Contradictory reports about extent of knee injury sustained when kicked by a fan in Venezuela. Moment of truth comes in Mexico.

DANIEL PASARELLA (Argentina) the world's most redoubtable defender. Also scorer of spectacular goals as he surges through from midfield. Captained 1978 champions and now set for his third World Cup but age, he is 32, does not appear to have diminished

his competitiveness. Most experienced current national player.

CLAUDIO BORGHI (Argentina) another man who made his debut against Mexico. Tall, skilful centre-forward who keeps the attack moving. Top scorer for Argentinos Juniors in South American Cup but Maradona thinks he's overrated. Classical rags to riches story. Eight brothers and father died when he was nine. Only 21 and lost his temper in warm-up match against France in Paris. Sent off after a crude tackle on his marker.

BORIS MIHAJLOV (Bulgaria) banned after 1985 Bulgarian Cup final brawl but hastily brought back when Bulgarians realised they could not do without this 23-year-old goalkeeper. One of the best in Europe.

CHA BUM KUN (South Korea) has proved himself with eight years in West Germany, first with Eintracht Frankfurt and now Bayer Leverkusen. Seventeen goals this season and due to return to Korea for Asian club champions Daewoo as his country's highest-paid player. Will be 33 the week before finals get underway.

HUGO SANCHEZ (Mexico) leading scorer in Spain for last two years, first with Atletico now with Real Madrid. His 22 goals for Real helped them to Spanish title and also shared in UEFA Cup triumph. Now 27 he will be determined to make amends for 1978 finals in Argentina where he was completely anonymous.

ERIC GERETS (Belgium) trusty 32-year-old right-back. Banned after 1984 Standard Liege Bribes scandal but amnestied after a year and back to face Poland in crucial World Cup qualifying match last year. Vital contribution in play-off victory against the Dutch.

ENZO SCIFO (Belgium) Italian parents but chose Belgium nationality. Creative midfielder for Anderlecht whose inexperience told on his opening appearances in 1984 European championship in France. Twenty-year-old with 11 caps who is desperately keen to burst on to the world stage in Mexico.

JULIO CESAR ROMERO (Paraguay) 1985 South American player of the year. Fluent skills attracted both New York Cosmos, when they were at their height, and

current Brazilian club Fluminense. Four goals in qualifying matches for this explosive 27-year-old who could outshine Maradona.

RAAD HAMMOUDI (Iraq) best Arab goalkeeper, conceded nine goals in eight qualifying games — all played outside Iraq because of war with Iran. At 32 has won 94 caps for his country. Plays for police club, Al Chorta.

MICHEL PLATINI (France) European player of the year three times in succession, an unprecedented feat. Became millionaire when joined Juventus in 1982. Can be counted on for vital goals for either France or Juventus. Deadly at free-kicks and penalties. International debut came 10 years ago. Squashed rumours about his future after Mexico, where he will be 31, by signing on for another year with Juventus.

OLEG BLOKHIN (USSR) dashing left-winger now feeling his age although scored marvellous goal for Dynamo Kiev when they thrashed Atletico in the European Cup winners cup final. After Lev Yashin, he is the only really well-known Soviet player. European player of the year in 1975 when Kiev also won the cup winners cup for the first time. Now 33 and has 100 caps.

TIBOR NYILASI (Hungary) sent off in 1978 world cup against Argentina. Two head injuries threatened his career but midfield maestro turned decoy centre-forward has now scored 32 goals in 70 internationals and at 31, fitness permitting after a back operation, is still a highly influential member of team. Hungarian captain.

LAJOZ DETARI (Hungary) an old-fashioned wing-half with a change of pace and knack for scoring. Was leading scorer with 27 goals as Honved wrapped up league title last month. An ever-present since making his debut against Switzerland in 1984. Fits perfectly into great Magyar tradition. Now 23 and has 16 caps.

GRAEME SOUNESS (Scotland) aged 33, Scotland's midfield man of iron and the first player to captain the side in two world cup finals. A player of world class status preparing for his third finals in an international career spanning 12 years and 52 caps. Immensely gifted, but the man who will take charge as Glasgow Rangers player manager next season has been unable to shake off a hardman reputation, gained by his un-

compromising attitude over the years.

FRANK McAVENNIE (Scotland) picked up from St Mirren for 340,000 pounds and unknown outside Scotland last year, West Ham 26-year-old forced himself to Alex Ferguson's notice with remarkable scoring feats. He netted 28 for the Hammers and scored on his Scottish debut against Australia in the world cup qualifying play-off. The midfielder now turned goal-machine could be the answer to Scotland's Mexico prayers.

KARL-HEINZ RUMENIGGE (West Germany) Inter Milan paid Bayern Munich over three million dollars for this double European player of the year. Age and injuries mean Inter probably have not yet got their worth.



Two of the World Cup stars, Socrates and Daniel Passarella.

Always dangerous, even with a pulled muscle in the 1982 finals. Now 30 and after 87 caps has lost some speed. But still lethal.

PIERRE LITTBARS-KI (West Germany) two goals on his debut versus Austria. Now 26 and 38 caps later this old-fashioned winger is playing deeper. Close control and a hard shot. Played in 1982 and saved Cologne from relegation by coming back from injury on last day of season. Set to move to Racing Paris.

HANS-PIETER BRIEGEL (West Germany) the steamroller. Helped Verona to first Italian championship in 82 years history when joined them from Kaiserslautern in 1982 and now set for Sampdoria next season. Former full-back converted to midfield. Played in 1980 European championship and 1982 World Cup final. Bull-like strength will be tested to the limit in Mexico. Thirty and 62 caps.

PAT JENNINGS

(Northern Ireland) made his debut with George Best in 1964. Already the world's most capped goalkeeper, he became the most capped player ever with his 116th game against Morocco last month. After tremendous career with Watford, Spurs and Arsenal was persuaded to keep going for the world cup and will be 41 when he faces Brazil in Guadalajara on June 12. Has kept in trim this season by returning to Spurs and then going to Everton on loan.

NORMAN WHITE-SIDE (Northern Ireland) beat Pele's record as youngest world cup finalist when turned out at 17 years and 41 days in Spain four years ago. Striker moved to midfield for Manchester United when club captain Bryan Rob-

son player of the year. An incredible scoring machine, he reached 700 career goals with hat-trick for Fluminense earlier this year, and after a lengthy absence with knee trouble, the 33-year-old returned with a hat-trick in Brazil's recent win over Yugoslavia. But will he be fully fit for Mexico?

GLENN HODDLE (England) gifted midfielder whose long range passes are a byword at White Hart Lane. After struggling through a lean spell two years ago, the 28-year-old with 31 caps has played in 11 of England's last 12 games. Impressed, encouragingly for manager Bobby Robson, on England's Mexico tour last year. Has scored eight times for England and won two FA Cups with Spurs, his only club.

PAULO JORGE DOS SANTOS FUTRE (Portugal) most exciting talent to come out of Portugal since Eusebio. Futre was 17 when he made his debut — Portugal's youngest ever international — and has won eight caps. Deep-lying, left-footed winger, still only 20. Won Portuguese championship with Porto.

FERNANDO GOMES (Portugal) prolific scorer over the years for champions FC Porto. Twice Europe's leading scorer, winning him the golden boot award, in 1982-83 (36 goals) and 1984-85 (personal best 39). Down to 20 this season and finds goals much tougher to come by at international level. Joined Porto at 15, later had two-year unsuccessful, injury-hit spell in Spain with Gijon before returning home in 1982. Forty-two caps.

PETER SHILTON (England) began his career as understudy in the 1966 World Cup winning goalkeeper Gordon Banks at Leicester in 1965. Has since become England's most capped goalkeeper, keeping 41 clean sheets in 79 internationals. Age 36, Shilton moved from Leicester to Stoke, for a goalkeeping record fee of 340,000 pounds in 1974, then on to Nottingham Forest and Southampton.

BRYAN ROBSON (England) captain and midfield inspiration who has scored 18 goals in 50 internationals. Moved from West Bromwich Albion to Manchester United in a 1.5 million transfer deal in 1981 which made him England's most expensive player. England are praying the 29-year-old will survive recent shoulder and hamstring injuries which have kept him out most of the season.

PREBEN ELKJAER

(Denmark) skill, strength and persistence have brought 32 goals in 53 internationals. Helped Verona to first Italian title in 1985. Leading scorer in world cup qualifiers. Injury-hit club season and Danes desperately hoping he will not break down in Mexico.

ZBIGNIEW BONIEK (Poland) explosive speed off the mark. Curly, red-haired 30-year-old who has won 72 caps. Moved from Juventus to Roma last year and so nearly helped the club pip Juventus for this year's Italian league title. Missed Poland's semi-final defeat to Italy in 1982 finals as suspended.

CHARLIE NICHOLAS (Scotland) out in the cold for a long spell when the goals dried up after his move from Celtic to Arsenal in 1983. Rediscovery of form for the London club this season earned a return to the fold and Nicholas rewarded manager Ferguson with an encouraging performance in the friendly against Israel in Tel Aviv in January. An unorthodox talent and matchwinner on his day.

MORTEN OLSEN (Denmark) once an outside-right, now vastly-experienced sweeper with Belgian champions Anderlecht. Most-capped Danish international, made his debut against Norway in 1970. Thirty-seven in August, planning to become shopkeeper after Mexico.

ALLAN SIMONSEN (Denmark) career appeared over after breaking a leg in opening match of 1984 European Championship against France but Mexico inspired his fight back to fitness. Tiny, electric striker now playing in midfield. Experience will be useful in Mexico. Star of Denmark's 1972 Olympic team. Signed by Borussia Moenchengladbach of West Germany. Scored in 1977 European Cup final they lost to Liverpool of England. Won European cup winners cup with Barcelona. Short, improbable spell with second division Charlton. Now 33 and back in Denmark with Vejle. Marked his international debut with two goals against Iceland in 1972. Over 50 caps, 1977 European player of the year.

MICHAEL LAURUP (Denmark) elegant striker, superb close control which has helped bring him 17 goals in 27 internationals. Won Italian title with Juventus after being loaned to Lazio for two years, having turned down Liverpool. Celebrates 22nd birthday and four years in national team on June 15.



THE JUNIOR GAME

with TONY RACITI



INDOOR PLAYERS MEET MRS KELLY

THE ACT will be well represented in the Australian National Teams touring overseas this year.

In recent selection trials held in Sydney, the ACT showed why they are rated only second to NSW by having a large number of players selected.

Mrs Ros Kelly, MP (Patron of the ACTISA) met the players at the City Club on Wednesday night where they were discussing fund raising to offset the cost of touring with Mr Joe Brent the President of the AISF (Australian Indoor Soccer Federation, the National body), Mr Charles Perkins the Executive Vice President of the AISF (and Chairman of the 1988 Australian World Cup Committee) and Mr Jim Roberts the Senior Vice President of the AISF (also President of the ACTISA).

The Australian Mens team will be travelling to Brazil in November this year and Ian Murray and Chris Tansey from the ACT will be representing. Four women from the ACT will be in the Australian Open Womens team probably touring the USA later this year.

They are Airene Sein, Sally Rundle, Patricia Leonard and Debbie Corcoran. Kim McKay and Julie Murray will also be going to the USA in November with the Australian Under 19 women's squad.

Tony Lemazina from the ACT will be going to Argentina with the under 23 Australian squad, and Willie Stirton will be in the under 18 squad travelling to Canada. In the under 17 Australia squad also going to Argentina will be Brian Watkins of the ACT.

In the under 16 side going to Canada will be Angelo Roberto of the ACT. The ACT will have three players in the under 15's, also touring Brazil later this year, they are Hong Ha, Hao Ha and

Sampier Senthavysouk. Finally in the under 14 Australian team will be Joe Molina, Con Alexandrakis, Philip Rice, Andrew Wallace and Nickolas Hibberd from the ACT touring the USA.



He has represented STEFANO MAUNTONE AWSA since 1979.

MAUNTONE OF MYRTLEFORD

STEFANO MAUNTONE of the Myrtleford Savoy Soccer Club has been named as goalkeeper of the Australian National U/16 team.

With unlimited talent

the 15-year-old Albury Wodonga Soccer Association keeper could become another Gordon Banks, the famous English goalie of the '60s.

Steve, as he is known to his mates has everything a goalie should possess.

He has confidence, anticipation, courage and other skills a goalkeeper should have. Two years ago he was selected as the Victorian State side goalie and at the Australian National U/13 matches in Alice Springs he was named as player of the series because he did not concede a goal.

His sporting career began in 1978 when he played for the Midgets Football Club, at Myrtleford.

Midway through 1979 he started to play Soccer as a left winger in the U10 team.

FRANK FINLAY

ILLAWARRA is renowned for producing exciting young talent over the years and in 1986 that reputation should be further enhanced.

All four of Illawarra's Youth League squad's have proven to be the equal of their Sydney counterparts in the six competition matches played to date.

Illawarra is unique from the point of view that chosen players are from all boundaries of the Illawarra.

"Over the years we have managed to produce some

very competitive team's," Illawarra president Florence Stephenson said this week.

"We are also proud to have produced players who are now competing at NSL and Federation level both in Illawarra and with Sydney based club's.

"One significant step for us this year has been the inclusion of our team's

in the sponsorship of gear from Peerless.

"This is taken as an encouragement for the players to be aware of where the top quality football is and aim for that level.

Mrs Stephenson added that Illawarra had six players from last year's Under 15 and Under 16 squad's in the Wollongong

Under 19 team.

"That is our main aim, to produce players for the senior ranks."

Illawarra have always been one of the leading Youth League club's in NSW, and there is no doubt through the administration of this club, that this trend will continue in future years.

JUNIOR GOSSIP

IT is hoped that the administration of the State's premier junior competition, the Youth League, does not reach the same poor quality as that shown by some of our local associations.

At the recent monthly meeting of the 30 member clubs at Parklea, delegates were informed that one club had lodged a complaint about the alleged conduct of a certain coach from another club.

Immediately the secretary of the club who lodged the complaint sprang to his feet to voice his opinion.

Amazing enough this particular secretary was not even at the ground when the alleged incident is supposed to have happened.

After he had finished another delegate decided to add further 'fuel to the fire' and ASW is informed that the chairman rightly declared that he was out of order.

Therefore these two administrators wasted the valuable time of the remaining 28 delegates conducting their 'bitch session.'

Administrators should never be given the opportunity to use these vital meetings as a forum in which to vent their personal vendettas and point of view.

These meetings are not a political 'soap box.'

The reason they are held is to conduct the running and administration of the League.

There are numerous constructive areas such as sponsorship,

coaching, refereeing, present and future development of the League etc, that can and should be discussed.

I would like to remind these two gentlemen that you can fool some people some of the time, but definitely not all of the time.

THE Dubbo Mini-Soccer Association anticipate a record season this year.

Several proposals placed before the Dubbo executive have been met with enthusiasm, and the competition is heading towards being successful with 55 teams having been entered.

Several new rulings have been initiated for Under 9 players, which will include rulings handed down by FIFA.

The hard working Dubbo committee feel that now is the time to encourage the players to adapt to the proper rules of Association Football.

THERE are certainly some dedicated officials involved in the junior code.

Carl Postel, from the South Coast Soccer Association, has been appointed manager of the State Under 13 squad.

Carl travels from his home at Merimbula to Parklea every weekend without fail to look after the management needs of his squad.

THERE will quite obviously have to be a rethink from the National Junior Council on venues used for future national titles.

Currently the national Under 15 titles are being held at the Institute of Sport and the ground being used has a synthetic surface.

Players are not playing on a true surface, and some of them are experiencing difficulties on the synthetic turf which could jeopardise the chances of certain players gaining selection for the National Under 16 squad.

THE NSW Amateur Soccer Federation and the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs have combined to jointly sponsor all costs incurred by any NSW players who gain selection in the National Under 16 squad for the preliminary rounds of the Kodak World Cup later this year.

A fine gesture on the part of both organisations, and it is decisions such as these that creates harmony and goodwill throughout all sections of the code.

ASW sincerely apologise for the printing error with the result's of the NSW Youth League last week.

As you can see by this issue we made doubly sure that the team's and results have been compiled correctly.

In next week's ASW we will present a full run down of all the result's, plus the full standing of every competition throughout all three division's of the the Youth League.

THE recently held Under 15 national titles played in Canberra was won suprisingly by Northern NSW.

Northern NSW were undefeated throughout the tournament, with the strong NSW squad finishing as runner-up.

Northern NSW sealed the title when they

defeated NSW 1-0, which was the first defeat ever suffered by the NSW squad in the past three seasons.

NINE NSW players last week were in camp at Parklea in the aim of gaining selection for the national Under 16 squad.

Thirty players have been selected in a train on squad, from which sixteen will be selected to represent their country in the preliminary rounds of the Under 16 Kodak World Cup later this year.

THE State's biggest Amateur competition for All-Age players, the NSW Amateur Cup, is currently seeking a sponsor.

NSWASF officials are hopeful that a sponsor will be secured in the next few weeks.

CENTRAL Coast Association are strongly pressing the Northern NSW Federation for a clearance to affiliated with the NSW in 1987.

Central Coast administrators are convinced their organisation have a brighter future being affiliated with the NSWASF.

THE 1986 Under 12 Centenary Cup has been won by Sutherland.

Sutherland defeated Illawarra 2-1 in the final which was played at Kareela Oval, Kirrawee.

The huge Sutherland Association are to be congratulated on the near completion of their magnificent club house at Bates Drive.

The project has cost the Sutherland Association \$150,000, with the State Government assisting with a grant of \$40,000.

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MARCH 13th

Flew Sydney to London with great expectations and excitement.

14th

Arrived Heathrow and caught coach to Wigan. Hosted for week by Wigan Junior Latics club operated by Wigan Athletic A.F.C.

15th

Maine Road to see Manchester City lose to Watford 0-1 — mounted police escort into the game and our first impression of British Soccer.

16th

To Liverpool for the televised Match of the Day with Everton playing Chelsea — 1-1 draw and magnificent atmosphere that cannot be felt via television.

17th

This morning started preparation for the 17 games ahead with training session given by manager of Wigan Athletic, Bryan Hamilton, ex-captain of Northern Ireland. After lunch went back to Liverpool for tour of Anfield Stadium and then played our first match of the tour late afternoon against the very skilful host club who boasted eight players who have already signed school-boy forms with professional clubs. We lost 0-3.

18th

Day trip to Manchester where we started at the Cliff, Man Utd's training ground, where we saw Ron Atkinson and Mick Brown training first team squad. Managed to meet all the players afterwards — magic moment! On to Old Trafford for conducted tour and time for shopping in Manchester's superb Arndale Centre — boys all bought masses of Soccer strips! Second game this evening against a very strong local league rep. squad — Warrington Hildren, most of whom had been signed by league clubs — four by Manchester City. Again we lost this time 0-5, but learning all the time.

19th

Spent morning training under Wigan Athletic's coach and learned a lot. Spent afternoon with our host families — very much a home away from home and hospitality is magnificent

20th

Our last day in Wigan — it may not be No.1 on the tourist map, but what a place to be based on a Soccer tour! Great people here and if the conversation's not about Soccer than it's rugby league. Went back to Manchester for more shopping, more training in afternoon, then our third match, this time against Crewe Alexandra U14 team — extremely strong side, this time every player had been signed by a league club and we lost 0-4 — but we're getting better, and that's what it's all about.

21st

Our coach took us through the Lake District and into Scotland — stopped en route at Gretna Green — and then to Ayr where we were hosted for a week by the Ayr Boswell Boys Club.

22nd

Had our first taste of playing against a Scottish team by playing the host club, and



KENNY DALGLISH

25th

losing 1-2. In the afternoon we went to Glasgow's Ibrox Stadium for the Rangers v Celtic match — 4-4 draw and perhaps the highlight of the tour, like watching match of the day highlights solidly for 90 minutes — unbelievable atmosphere and some great football. Never to be forgotten.

23rd
Morning free with our host families, then after lunch we travelled to Hamilton for a match against Hamilton Academicals — some of the game was played in a snow storm and it was very cold. We lost 1-2 but deserved to win as our game is improving all the time.

24th

Day trip to Edinburgh visiting the castle and the site of the 1986 Commonwealth Games. This evening we played Hibernian at Easter Road, lost 1-3, but what an experience.



Charlie Nicholas

26th

This morning we travelled to Girvan to watch the Scotland squad training for their World Cup warm-up game against Rumania. Managed to meet Kenny Dalglish, Charlie Nicholas, Graeme Souness and Alex Ferguson — and learned a lot just watching them. In the evening we travelled to Glasgow for the match at Hampden Park — Kenny Dalglish's 100th game for Scotland, and what an occasion with the home side winning 3-1.

27th

Said good-bye to Scotland and travelled to Great Yarmouth in Norfolk, venue for

the climax of our tour — the Canary Cup International Youth Tournament organised by PGL for Norwich City FC. This competition is open to teams from under-12 through to under-16, and in our under-14 competition there were 25 teams from seven countries. We were split into five groups of five, with the top two teams from three groups and the top team from two making it through to the quarter finals.

28th

Opened our account with a convincing 4-1 win over a team from Cambridge — played well and our training and build-up are paying dividends. In the afternoon we played our second match against a Chelmsford team, winning again 3-0. So far so good, and a win and a draw tomorrow will guarantee us a place in the quarter finals.

29th

Our first match this morning lost 0-2 to a very strong side from Birmingham. Pressure now on us to qualify — we must win the final game in our group to come second and qualify for the quarter finals. Opposition is a team of coloured boys from London — three of them stand six feet tall, and they're all very fast and seem very skilful. A lot of determination and 100% effort sees us win 1-0 in a game we won't forget!

30th

Through to the quarter finals we are only two matches away from playing in the final this afternoon at Carrow Road, home of Norwich City FC. A goal-less first half and we seem to be the better team, but the second half saw them score an early goal, and eventually we lost 0-3 — disappointing, but we did well to get that far with the opposition as strong as it was. Our boys were complimented on their sportsmanship, and as this was the first Australian team to play in the Canary Cup it was gratifying to know we had represented our country well.

31st

On the road again, this time down south to Winchester where our host club is Littleton FC.

APRIL 1st

This morning the Mayor of Winchester gave us a Civic Reception, and in the afternoon we went sightseeing with our host families. In the evening we travelled to The Dell in Southampton to see Southampton play a 1-1 draw with Oxford United — Peter Shilton made some brilliant saves and we had seats right by the corner flag giving us the best view.

2nd

A day of sightseeing to Stonehenge and Salisbury before our match against the host club which we won 2-1.

3rd

Back to Southampton for shopping and a tour around The Dell. In the afternoon we played Southampton FC under-14 team who were naturally very strong and beat us 4-0.

4th

Day trip to Portsmouth where we went on HMS.



PETER SHILTON

Victory and managed to become a bit interested in English history! In the afternoon we played a match against a Hampshire League Rep. Squad and lost 0-5 — again they were the select team from a large area and most boys were on the books of either Southampton or Portsmouth.

5th

Morning with our host families, and in the afternoon we went to Fratton Park to see Portsmouth play Leeds United — the home side needed to win to maintain their challenge for promotion to Division One, but lost 2-3.

8th

This morning we played our final match in the UK beating a Winchester side 1-0. After lunch, travelled by coach to London where we shall spend four days in a hotel.

7th

A full day sightseeing tour of London which included a guided tour of Wembley Stadium — what a ground. Climbed the 39 steps and held aloft a replica of the FA Cup.

11th

Morning for shopping — Carnaby Street has what must be the best Soccer shop in Britain with every conceivable souvenir, strip, track suit, and team photo. In the afternoon we visited the Tower of London.

9th

Went to Buckingham Palace for the changing of the guard and then some more

sightseeing and shopping — tomorrow we leave for Los Angeles.

10th

Back to Heathrow for our flight to California. Took a coach to Howard Johnson's at Anaheim (home of Disneyland) and got changed for evening match against Orange County Shamrocks at a local astroturf indoor field. Six-a-side American style was an experience, and we ended up drawing 5-5.

11th

Full day in Disneyland, and by running from attraction to attraction we managed to do just about everything including five rides on the Matterhorn and three on Space Mountain.

12th

In spite of tired legs we managed to fit most of Knotts Berry Farm into the five hours we had there — then back to te airport for the flight home.

14th

Arrived home tired but satisfied — satisfied that we did what we set out to do and that was to learn by new experiences and conditions. To see British professionals at work and to learn from them and to watch and meet some of the greatest names in British football today. Our parents worked hard for nine months fund-raising for our tour, and every minute and every cent was well spent. An experience that will never be forgotten and which will not only improve our game but our attitude to life in general.

OOPS!

YOU could be forgiven for thinking last Tuesday was April Fool's Day but, no it wasn't and no we weren't trying to fool ASW readers just the same because, yes we made a slight boo-boo in last weeks NSW Youth League tables.

As many of you ever alert ASW readers noticed all results were marked 2-1 (which they weren't) also all the listed fixtures were incorrect.

Put it down to a very haywire computer because if we tried to explain it you just wouldn't believe it!

For those who are interested here are the correct results:

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 6

DIVISION 1

	U13U/14U/15U/16
B'town City v Marconi	1-1 0-0 1-0 0-3
L'warra v Nepean	2-0 1-1 2-1 0-3
Melita v St Geo	1-3 3-2 del
Cant Marick v Apia	1-1 0-1 del 1-0
Gl'ville v Syd City	0-5 0-3 1-2 1-4

DIVISION 2

Sthn Distr v Gl'ville	2-1 0-1 2-1 1-1
Ku-ring-gai v N B'town	4-1 3-0 2-0 2-8
S'tand v C Coast	0-1 2-3 1-4 1-2
Syd City v M'carthur	4-0 ac R2-1 0-1
Manly v Avala	1-0 0-5 0-5 2-0

DIVISION 3

B'town v Cant	0-2 3-2 2-0 4-0
C'b'town v Aub	1-4 5-0 0-2 3-2
R'dale v Croatia	1-3 0-4 1-1 0-3
B'town v Yugal	2-3 7-0 3-1 3-1

COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP

School Name: Narwee BHS

Round Number: 1
Result: Narwee 6 d Sylvanian 2.

Scorers: Theo Kotsias 5, Tony Cabassi 1.

Best Players: (both teams) Theo Kotsias (Narwee), Tony Cabassi (Narwee), Steve Austin (Narwee).

COMMONWEALTH BANK SHIELD (GIRLS)

School Name: Goulburn High

Round Number: 2
School Played: Queanbeyan

Result: Goulburn 5 d Queanbeyan 1

Scorers: Robyn Hall 5 (Goulburn), Sonia Price 1 (Queanbeyan)

Best Players: (both teams) Robyn Hall, Sharon Clark, Micoe Ralph Janelle Keir (Goulburn) Laure Fisher Sonia Price (Queanbeyan)

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

	13	14	15	16
Apia v B'town	2-2	1-1	0-1	3-0
Gl'ville v L'warra	0-1	1-4	1-1	5-0
Olympic v Melita	0-5	5-1	1-2	3-0
C'b'town v Nepean	0-0	2-2	3-1	0-3
St George v Marconi	1-2	0-3	0-1	2-2

DIVISION TWO

Gl'ville v Ku-ring-gai	2-2	1-2	0-2	2-0
Nth B'town v S'tand	0-2	1-2	0-0	5-0
Macarthur v Sth Distr	1-3	0-9	1-1	4-0
Avala v Syd City	0-5	1-7	1-2	0-1
Central Coast v Manly	2-0	2-1	1-2	1-0

DIVISION THREE

Cant Assoc v C'town	12-0	1-4	3-2	2-1
Croatia v Polonia	5-0	2-0	3-0	4-1
Yugal v R'dale	0-0	0-1	2-1	2-1
Auburn v B'town Ass	2-3	0-5	2-3	2-3

The State League Story

Continued from front page

CRAIG: "He told us to pull our finger out. He really shouted at us and told us that we had frozen up in the first half. He had a real go at me and told me that I was not playing my normal game and to kunkle down and do so."

"We knew that we were getting trounced and that we had to fight and really do something about it. And we did. We showed guts, the game guts we showed the last two months to win everything to grab the championship."

ASW: What the hell happened to Liverpool's back-four in the first half?

CRAIG: "Yeah you're right, but it has been a really hard season for us. Hansen is really a brilliant player and I can't say much because I still have not seen the game played back. I was too busy trying to do my own job. Again I say I still haven't seen he match played back so I can't say."

ASW: What happened between Grobbelaar and Beglin??

CRAIG: "Nothing much really. Bruce was just realising a bit of tension as you can understand. It blew over in seconds. It was nothing at all."

Still standing very quietly with a vigil eye on Craig with the Cup, was Roger Eales, the man from security.

I drifted across to him and asked the Cup's value

"Well it is valued at around \$15,500, but that is discounting the traditional value for it. It is really

impossible to place a real market value on such an item," the pleasant Mr Eales explained.

Meanwhile Wembley's Australian hero was now being whisked into the elevator and up to another floor where more media people were waiting for private interviews for radio.

I followed Craig into the lift and we continued a short chat...

ASW: It is very obvious that you have a very special relationship with king Kenny Dalglish isn't that so?

CRAIG: "You are talking about my 'father' now you know," with a smile cracking across his face.

As he left, he looked back and shouted...

"See you soon mate when I get back."

Next Sunday, Craig Johnston celebrates his 26th Birthday, the day when Sport Aid Links the Whole World to raise funds for the poverty-stricken people of Africa.

W'GONG MACEDONIA 0 W'GAH F'WATER 0

THE 0-0 score at the Berkley Sports Ground between Wollongong Macedonia and Warringah Freshwater was a true indication of just how the match went.

Both sides had their chances but neither converted.

Wollongong dominated the first half and the best chance came in the 35th minute after a well flighted cross by John Bingham

the player-coach from the left found Paul Giraldo unmarked at the far post.

His header was sent flying wide of the goalmouth with a goal for the taking.

Soon after from a corner from Bingham and a scramble in the goalmouth saw Alex Krkovski pouncing on a loose ball and he shot only to be blocked on the line.

Geoff Robinsion was in inspired mood as he made two or three fantastic saves to keep the scoreline 0-0. Macedonia were very fortunate in the second half not to have a goal scored against them by the unlucky Warringah Freshwater side.

On Sunday at Berkley Sports Ground Wollongong Macedonia will take on Fairy Meadow in the local South Coast derby. It won't be a place for the faint-hearted.

KU-RING-GAI 1 MELITA EAGLES 0

THROUGH a combined mistake by Greg McCoy and Dragan Pupovac the goalkeeper, Ku-ring-gai won the match at Melita Stadium by the solitary goal.

The youngsters were unable to cope with the situation.

Andrew Lacey was the player of the match. He made some absolute brilliant saves.

In the seventh minute Sertbas beat the off-side trap and got into a scoring position but finished with a meek shot.

Bass fouled by Wilson, Tkachuk free-kick just wide.

Farrugia to Meerbani and back worked into middle of park, got away a

screamer and Lacey made instinctive save.

Late in the first half McCoy got caught in possession, back to Pupovac chase back but Tkachuk forces home.

Farrugia in the 60th minute another great shot and Callinan's ensuing header was straight at the keeper.

Callinan and Sertbas were denied.

Sertbas and Laing 1-2, Laing rugby tackled by Terry Bertram and only a yellow card was issued by referee Ken Small.

With three minutes to go from six metres, Farrugia with only keeper to beat he came closer to corner post than goal.

AUBURN 0 AVALA 0

A crowd of nearly 2000 people saw an entertaining 0-0 draw between Uruguay Auburn and Avala.

Fraser Cuba marked Filipovic completely out of the game. The Uruguayan midfield was brilliant in the lead-up.

Raul Carrizzo played a blinder.

One of the most pleasing matches to watch this year. Good to see many chances created but not taken.

Avala were never really let into the match.

MANLY 4 POLONIA 1

FIRST goal in the 15th minute from a penalty by John Drys and at that stage Manly were having all the game.

Manly were well on top mostly in their half of the field. Didn't equalise until five between half-time. In the 40th Gary Van Egmond to Don Allan made it 1-1. In the 65th minute Van Egmond scored. Run from half-way.

Nearly all Manly Warringah. Van Egmond on fire, lobbed over keeper helped in by defender.

With a minute to go Paul Marshall scored as he easily took on the keeper.

NNSW RESULTS

Adamstown 2 Lake Macquarie 1, Western Workers 0 Central Coast Ass 1, Highfields Azzurri 0 Austral Utd 0, Wallsend 0 Cardiff 1, West Wallsend 0 Belmont-Swansea 1.

Old State League

Taringa 4 Wynnum 3, Olympic 3 Grange Thistle 2, Easts 2 Coalstars 1, North Star 3 Ipswich Utd 2, Mt Gravatt 2 Lions 0. Table Easts 9, North Star 9, Ipswich 7, Mt G'vtt 6, Grange 6, Coalstars 5, Olympic 4, Taringa 3, Wynnum 2, Lions 1.

WSL Cup

Parra City v Manly Warr 3-2 4-1 Chipping Norton v Girraween Utd 6-0 5-0 Forest United v Putney Town 3-4 2-1

Oak Turner Cup City Metro League Round 1

Div 1 N'been 5 Barrenjoey 1, F'water 5 Forest 0.

ACT League Premier Division

Weston Creek nil Canberra United 2. ANU nil Juventus 2. CCAE 1 Narrabundah 1.

Concordia Phillip 1 Cambah United 2. Belconnen United 2 Canberra City Olympians 2.

SA State League

Salsbury 1 Croatia 1. Azzurri 2 Hellas 2. Beograd 2 Campbelltown 2. Polonia 4 Para Hills 1. Elizabeth nil Birkalla 1.

Lion 2 Modbury 6. Campbelltown 6 3 - 20 15. Croatia 6 2 1 - 18 7 14. Salsbury 5 3 1 - 15 7 13. Hellas 4 3 2 - 14 8 11. Beograd 4 2 3 - 17 11 10. Azzurri 4 1 4 - 16 15 9. Polonia 4 1 4 - 11 9 9. Lion 3 1 5 - 18 17 7. Modbury 3 - 5 12 23 6. Para 2 1 6 - 11 19 5. Elizabeth 2 1 6 - 7 16 5. Birkalla 2 - 7 6 18 14.

VICTORIA

Caulfield City nil Frankston Pines 3 - Dick 2, Thurlow. Morewell Falcons 2 - Storton, Maribyrnong Polonia 1 - Czarnik. Northcot City nil Fawknor 1 - Cozzella. St Auburns 3 - Culina. Lloyd 2, Ringwood City nil.

Sunday. Western Suburbs 4 - Tuck, McGuinness, McCluskey, Palmaricciotti, Melbourne 3 - Edmondson, Dagnell, Bayzely. Croydon city 2 - McLean, McDonald, Box Hill 3 - McKenna 2, Gagic. Sprinvale City 3 - Garvey, Nelson, House, Thomastown 1 - Dimattina.

St Leo's 2 Ku-ring-gai 1, N'hurst 3 Turrumura 2, Masada def Chatswood on forfeit.

Div 2 Marsden 1 James Ruse 0, St Pats Dundas 2 Castle Hill 0, Para Marist def Grantham on forfeit.

Div 3 Katoomba def Blue Mtns on forfeit, Springwood 6 St Columba's 0.

St Dominic's 6 Blaxland 2, Dunheved 1 (4) St Agnes 1 (2) Penrith 4 Cambridge Park 0

TNT SKYPAK LEAGUE DIV 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melita Eagles	7	3	3	1	16	5	9
Avala	7	3	3	1	8	4	9
Sutherland	7	4	1	2	9	7	9
Ku-ring-gai	7	3	3	1	8	6	9
Manly Warringah	7	3	2	2	11	6	8
Wollongong	7	2	3	2	4	4	7
Uruguayan	7	2	4	1	6	8	8
Warringah F/W	7	3	1	3	13	14	7
Polonia	7	2	3	2	9	13	7
Rockdale	7	2	1	4	10	13	5
Fairy Meadow	7	2	0	5	8	12	4
Penrith City	7	1	0	6	5	20	2

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Melita Eagles v Ku-ring-gai	0-1	1-0	4-0
Uruguay Auburn v Avala	0-0	2-1	1-3
Manly Warringah v Polonia	4-1	1-2	3-0
Sutherland v Rockdale	1-3	2-0	5-0
Wollongong Mac v Warringah F/Water	0-0	0-2	3-2
Penrith City v Fairy Meadow	3-2	2-1	4-1

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Queens Park v Canterbury & Dist	6-1	1-2	4-1
Bathurst 75 v Dee Why Swans	0-1	0-0	4-0
Artarmon v Gladesville Hby	0-3	0-3	
Kingsford v SSC Yugal	2-1	1-2	2-4
Bankstown Lebanon v Blacktown Utd	1-1	0-7	0-3
Campbelltown City v Nth Bankstown	2-1	0-4	3-2

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

Campbelltown G v Rooty Hill	0-1	2-0	2-3
Mt Druitt v West United	0-2	1-4	0-0
Uni of NSW v Port Hacking	3-4	2-1	0-2
Nth Ryde v Granville Chile	2-3	1-2	3-0
Bondi Marine v Moorebank	1-0	1-1	3-0
King Tomislav v Baulkham Hills	0-4	1-2	1-4

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Fairfield Kiev v Sydney Uni	2-1	3-1
Chelsea v Concordia	1-4	0-0
CSI Schofields v Nineveh Eagles	2-1	2-2
Eastwood S/A v Spanish Club	4-1	2-1

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

Macquarie Uni v Pagewood	1-1	0-5
Trasandinos v Green Valley	9-0	6-0
Liverpool City v Wentworth Waratah	1-2	2-1
Chile Sports v Rosebery	2-2	1-3
Maroubra Utd v Hurstville	1-1	4-2
Dulwich Hill v Hawkesbury Dist	2-1	4-1

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

Colo Colo v Robins	3-0	7-2
Chullora v Welcome Sports	2-8	0-8
Concord Juniors v Rangers Hadjuk	3-2	3-2
Greenisland v Haberfield B/D's	3-2	6-0
Sydney Maccabi v Petersham	2-7	0-2
Blacktown Wand v Lansvale	1-1	0-4

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

Columbian v Castle Hill	2-2	1-2
Macedonia Yagoona v Murray Farm Rangers	0-1	0-2
Argentinian Lid v Cyprus United	1-1	0-1
Crescent Star v Luddenham C	2-1	1-2
Abruzzi v Lithgow Workmens	1-1	0-0

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

Santiago Wand v Macedonia Eagles	1-5	2-3
Amcliffe RSL v Hellas Poseidon	5-1	7-0
Cobreloa v Calabna	5-4	2-3
Orange Waratah v Nth Rocks	2-0	3-0

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	9	7	1	1	42	6	15
Canberra	8	6	1	1	25	12	13
Sydney City	7	5	1	1	22	8	11
St George	8	4	3	1	23	13	11
Leichhardt	8	4	2	2	21	10	10
Sydney Olympic	8	4	1	3	14	13	9
Blacktown	8	3	3	2	16	17	9
Marconi	7	4	—	3	14	11	8
Wollongong	7	2	1	4	9	16	5
Inter-Monaro	8	2	—	6	7	32	4
Newcastle	8	1	1	6	7	21	3
Croatia	8	1	1	6	7	22	3
Canterbury	8	—	1	7	2	28	1

Sun 18th May

CANBERRA 2 (Byrne 37, 65) LEICHHARDT 2 (Morsello 50, Speranza 58). WOLLONGONG 2 (Brodnik 18, 30) CROATIA 1 (Buballo 85). CANTERBURY 0 INTER-MONARO 1 (Georgeski 4). BLACKTOWN 3 (Moffitt 15, Bow 53, 68) ST GEORGE 3 (Beluszic 29, Boogaard 51, Ilic 70). SYDNEY CITY 3 (Spanos 18, 78, Patterson 80) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0. MARCONI 4 (Ackerley 9, 62, 69, Calderan 71) NEWCASTLE 0.

TNT SKYPAK THE WORLD WIDE COURIERS

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION

SATURDAY 24th MAY

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

SSC Yugal vs Bakstown Lebanon Blick Oval
Gladesville Hornsby vs Campbelltown City Pioneer Park

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Rooty Hill vs Mt Druitt Town Cawarra Park
West United vs North Ryde RSL Harold Read Res
Moorebank L'pool vs Uni of NSW Hammondville Oval

SUNDAY 25th MAY

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION

Warringah F/Water vs Melita Eagles Marconi Stadium
Ku-ring-gai vs Uruguayan Auburn Parklands Oval
Avala vs Manly Warringah Knight Park
Polonia vs Sutherland Chopin Park
Rockdale Ilinden vs Penrith United Hurstville Oval
Wollongong Mac. vs Fairy Meadow Berkeley S/G

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

North Bankstown vs Canterbury & Dist. Potts Park
Queen Park vs Kingsford Hellenic Erskineville Oval
Blacktown United vs Bathurst '75 Francis Park
Dee Why Swans vs Artarmon Dee Why Oval

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Baulkham Hills vs C'belltown Gunners Ted Horwood Res
Granville Chile vs Bondi Marine Garside Park
Port Hacking vs King Tomislav Seymour Shaw Pk

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THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE

ACT CLUB TOURNAMENT

THE A.C.T. Women's Soccer Association (ACTWSA) is staging a Club Tournament to be played next month over the Queen's Birthday week-end, at a venue to be announced soon.

According to ACT's Secretary, Ms Peta Winzar, the Tournament will be held in Canberra on Saturday and Sunday, June 7th and 8th.

"An entry fee of \$30 per team is required and there will be cash prizes for the winner and runner up of each Division," said Ms Winzar from Canberra this week.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

All nominations, together with attached Tournament fees, should be directed to Ms Winzar, C- ACTWSA, P.O.Box 79, Lyneham, ACT. 2602 by Friday May 30th.

Tournament enquiries can be made by ringing Ms Winzar on 062-844294 during office hours.

Other important dates to be noted for Women's Soccer in Canberra, are: May 25th, Semis and Finals of the Briggs Shield and Watson Cup.

May 30th, Nominations will close for the June Club Tournament.

June 2nd, Club Committee Meeting with the venue yet to be set.

June 7th and 8th, Club Tournament in Canberra.

GIRLS' PREMIER COMPETITION

THE ACTWSA has notified A.S.W. that plans are well under way for the establishment of a "Girls' Premiership Competition in the A.C.T. for this season, and it will aim to provide quality-Soccer with qualified referees for the High School teams.

The competition will be in a compact format and will only stretch over the second term of the school year.

The competition is targeted to encourage more players in the 12-15 age group to take up the code of competition Soccer. It is designed to avoid the youngsters being handicapped by the domination of older and heavier opponents.

To date, four High Schools have already pledged teams to enter the competition, with another six having the proposal under serious consideration.

The ACTWSA is very hopeful that this competition will within a year or two, grow to 12 schools

entering their sides.

CLASS 2 REFEREES COURSE

THE ACTWSA is organising a course for senior Rep players and all other interested persons to obtain a Class 2 Referees Certificate.

All persons interested in sitting for this course, should contact the ACTWSA's Secretary, Ms Peta Winzar, on 062-844294 during office hours, or 062-491626 after hours.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE ACTWSA

THE task of setting up a Development Plan for the A.C.T. for the next five years, is well underway by the ACTWSA.

The ACTWSA has realised that a well structured plan was absolutely necessary to ensure that they have a systematic, realistic blueprint to improving, as well as expanding, Women's Soccer within the National Capital.

The Association now extends an open invitation for ideas of how best to improve Soccer in the ACT at all levels of competition, how to attract new numbers of players to the game and to improve performances for all their Rep teams, improve coaching techniques and reduce overall costs for Rep teams.

The ACTWSA is seeking the best methods also, as to how to raise the overall profile of Women's Soccer within the A.C.T. to the general public.

All persons with something to contribute to the above areas, are invited to contact the Associations' Secretary in writing to P.O. Box 79, Lyneham, ACT. 2602.

NATIONAL UNDER 17s SQUAD TO TOUR NEW ZEALAND

HEATHER REID, the AWSA's Executive Director, has stated that the AWSA currently has under consideration the

strong possibility of Australia sending a National Under 17s squad across the Tasman to do battle with the Kiwis.

The proposal at this stage is for the young players to tour New Zealand early next year.

The Kiwis are very keen to have a young Australian side over there, and this was made apparent to Ms Reid whilst in Christchurch for the recent second Oceania Cup Tournament.

Such matches against the New Zealanders, will provide great international experience for our junior talent.

Players at the Under 17s Talent Identification Championships to be held in Sydney later this year, will be presented with the glorious opportunity to press claims for selection for such a proposed tour.

Although at its embryonic stage, such visionary plans, the AWSA must be congratulated.

What better way to attract young fresh talent to Australia's Women's Soccer scene than to organise such exciting tours that present young players with targets to aim for and later graduate into the National senior squad.

NIGHT GAMES A HIT

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

IN recent matches, Easts 2 defeated Qld Under 17s nil.

The Under 17s were defeated for the first time and the goals were scored by Lyn Spencer and Australia's international, Leanne Priestly.

The Wednesday night matches which involve the Qld Under 17s and Under 15s, have proved to be an outstanding success for the organisers as well as for the Brisbane girls.

And Wednesday night

seems to appeal to the spectators as well as they turn up in droves to watch the Brisbane girls play.

The previous week saw the Under 17s defeat Coalstars by 2 goals to 1.

However, Coalstars were without the services of Teri McQueen who missed the match because of a knee injury and State and ACT defender, Di Cameron because of teaching commitments.

In another upset result, Grange Thistle had their first victory of the season when they tossed Riverside by 2-0.

REFEREES' CUP.

In other news from Brisbane, the Referees' Cup kicked off last weekend.

This competition comprises a four team round robin competition which involves the Rep sides from Brisbane, Ipswich, Gold Coast and Toowoomba.

Each team plays on a home and away basis and the competition is designed to give these Rep sides tough matches for their build-ups to the State Championships in June.



ACT Rep.

QUEENSLAND CALLING

LYN SPENCER, Queensland's Publicity Officer, is enthusiastic about South Queensland's knock-out semi-finals this Saturday (May 24th).

"Some great players will be on display this week-end and we all expect tough duels between the girls," Spencer said.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Lyn is not only highly active churning out publicity for the South Queensland Association.

She is a player herself, (and a very good one at that), and recently helped her side Easts to a meritorious 2-0 win over the outstanding Qld Under 17s.

The semis will be played at Atlanta Fields in Brisbane.

The programme is as follows:

DIVISIONS 1 and 2 Matches are:

No1 Field..
Easts vs Annerley at 1.30pm.
Coalstars vs Grange at 3pm.

DIVISIONS 3 and 4 Matches are:

No 2 Field.
Northstar vs Brisbane City at 1.30pm.

Souths vs Kingsridge at 3 pm.

The Finals will be decided in June at a venue to be determined.

With the completion of the first round of matches, the points are as follows:

Qld Under 17s 8points
Easts 7
Coalstars 5x
Riverside 3x
Grange 2x
Merton East 1x
x denotes still to play one fixture in Round One.



Action from English Women's Soccer.

THE GIRLS PLAYED IT PRETTY ROUGH

THE big clash between Putney Town and Forest United occurred in Round Five and after a bruising and, at times spiteful encounter, Forest United held on for a comfortable 4-1 win, with Julie Dolan even missing a penalty.

BY LEAGUE MANAGER

Forest were up 2-0 at half-time through Kim Lembryk and Rita Cheevers.

In the second half, Kim scored again before Carol Vinson pulled one back for Putney, 3-1.

Julie Dolan then set the seal on the game with the fourth goal for Forest.

The only major blot on the encounter was the first send-off in the WSL being Marie Russell of Putney.

In the second grade, Putney conceded their first goals and lost for the first time when the effervescent youngsters from Forest scored a lucky 2-0 win.

In other game, Girraween United and Manly Warringah both showed greatly improving form even though going down to stronger teams.

Chipping Norton beat Girraween 3-0 in first grade with the strong Dalgs Carmody scoring all three goals in a second grade, 7-1 where Maree May and Kim Norris both scored hat-tricks.

Parramatta defeated Manly-Warringah in both grades, the first grade being 2-0 with both Julie Hebb and Nicole Komorowski again being among the goalscorers.

In second grade, the score was 5-1.

In the coming matches

of Round Six on the 26.5.86, the outstanding clash is between Putney Town and Chipping Norton, won convincingly by Putney in round one.

The scores should be chosen this time and on upset might occur.

In the other games, Manly-Warringah plays Forest United at Graham Reserve and Girraween United plays Parramatta City at Alpha Park.

Both games should be much tighter than in the first round.

1ST GRADE

ROUND 5	
Girraween United 0 v Chipping Norton 3 D. Carmody 3.	
Putney Town 1 C. Vinson v Forest United 4, K. Lembryk 2, J. Dolan R. Cheevers.	
Parramatta City 2, J. Hebb N. Komorowski v Manly Warringah 0.	
Forest Utd 5 5 0 0 37:3 10	
Putney Town 5 4 0 1 38:5 8	

Parra City	5 3 0 2 11:12 6
Chipping Norton	5 2 0 3 7:8 4
Manly-W'gah	5 0 1 4 2:23 1
Girra Utd	5 0 1 4 3:47 1

TOP SCORERS:

K. Lembryk 14, C. Vinson 12, L. Wardell 11, J. Dolan 8, D. Carmody 5, N. Komorowski 5, J. Aitken 4, C. Heydon 4, R. Cheevers 4.

2ND GRADE

Girraween United 1 Debbie Byrnes v Chipping Norton 7, K. Norris 3, M. Greddes 3, D. Player. Putney Town 0 v Forest United 2, N. van der Leeden, K. James. Parramatta City 5 Sandra Kal-khoven 2, Jordanna Bank 2, Tracey Marcantelli v Manly-Warringah 1, Janalla Colby.

Putney Town	5 4 0 1 31:2 8
Forest Utd	5 4 0 1 20:5 8
Chipping Norton	5 3 1 1 21:11 7
Parra City	5 2 1 2 12:13 5
Manly-W'gah	5 0 1 4 5:29 1
Girraween Utd	5 0 1 4 3:32 1

TOP SCORERS:

K. James 7, L. Genbo 7, K. Norris 6, L. Hammond 6, J. Riddington 5, J. Cappa 5, R. Bradley 4, T. Marcantelli 4.

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Wide World of Football



FULVIO IS FORGIVEN

INTER MILAN defender Fulvio Collovati was relieved to see his name in Italy's squad for the World Cup.

A cloud has been hanging over Collovati's head since he was sentenced to eight months in jail over some allegedly illegal contract dealings.

The sentence was suspended and the ultra-honest coach Enzo Bearzot was satisfied that the player should travel to Mexico. Of course four years

ago, Paolo Rossi survived a terrible scandal to reclaim his spot in the Italian front line — and finished up the hero of the World Cup in Spain.

O'NEILL MISSING

MARTIN O'NEILL, who did such a magnificent job as Northern Ireland's captain in the 1982 World Cup in Spain, will be missed in Mexico.

O'Neill pulled out of the Irish squad — a big loss to the team.

CUP BOSS RETIRES

ONE of the memorable TV shots from a Wembley Cup Final was seen on the day in 1973 when Bobby Stokoe, manager of Sunderland, sprinted across the Wembley turf to embrace his goalkeeper, Jimmy Montgomery, after Sunderland beat hot favourites Leeds United.

Bobby Stokoe says he is now retiring from football — after 25 years as a manager and a splendid playing career with

Newcastle United.

This year, he has been manager of Carlisle United.

LUTON NOT SO HOSPITABLE!

NEXT season, only Luton Town supporters will be allowed to attend Luton's home matches.

It is a startling scheme aimed at keeping trouble-makers out of the Kenilworth Road ground.

Luton fans will have to buy a membership card containing a metal code

and this will go through a screen scanner when the owner enters the ground.

They'll also have to pay normal entrance fee, of course.



ROY AITKEN (Celtic)

KEN MURPHY and ALAN DAVIDSON of Australian combine to shut out Scotland's ROY AITKEN during the international 0-0 draw in Melbourne. With some very minnow-like nations participating in the Mexican World Cup Finals it's a joke that the Aussies' path was made so difficult.

WILF'S THE KOJAK OF SOCCER NOW

WILF McGuinness had a fine head of hair in his playing days with Manchester United and he still retained most of it when he took over as United's manager — despite the many hassles in that job.

Now, as trainer-coach of Bury, Wilf's hasn't a hair on his head: he's the Kojak of Lancashire football.

He blames his loss of locks on his period coaching in Greece.

Within a fortnight of moving there, he lost all his hair, so he bought a hairpiece.

Trouble is, during an exciting moment in a match he was grabbed round the head by his assistant-coach and the wig flopped off, being trampled into the dirt in front of 15,000 spectators.

"That was the last time I tried to cover my baldness," said Wilf.

Now McGuinness treats it all as a joke and, accepting his Kojak image, even hands out lollipops to fans at Bury's home games!



PELE (right) has made himself available for the Brazilian World Squad in Mexico... at the ripe old age of 46. They're a little desperate but...

HE GETS DOLE DOUGH

ENGLISH factory worker Lewis Gould won \$220,000 on the Football Pools so decided to give up his job and claim the dole!

He lives in a council house in Shrewsbury, which means his living is subsidised.

The newly-rich Mr Gould says he sees nothing wrong in claiming "a few bob off the State in dole."

ARGYLE WANT TREVOR

SAMPDORIA's Trevor Francis was a spectator in the directors box at a recent Plymouth Argyle home match.

Seems Trevor's suggested transfer to Plymouth was not just a gimmick — even though it will cost big money to lure him from Italy.

ROVERS ON TOP

SHAMROCK ROVERS, surely one of the nicest-named clubs in world football, has won the League of Ireland title for the third year running.

The Dublin side has produced many top players, most of whom finished up with English teams.

JONES PLAYS ON

JOEY JONES quit international football last season when he was one appearance away from a record for the Welsh side.

Since then, he has made three comebacks. Jones now has 71 games for Wales under his belt and the record which looked like eluding him, is safely in his grasp.



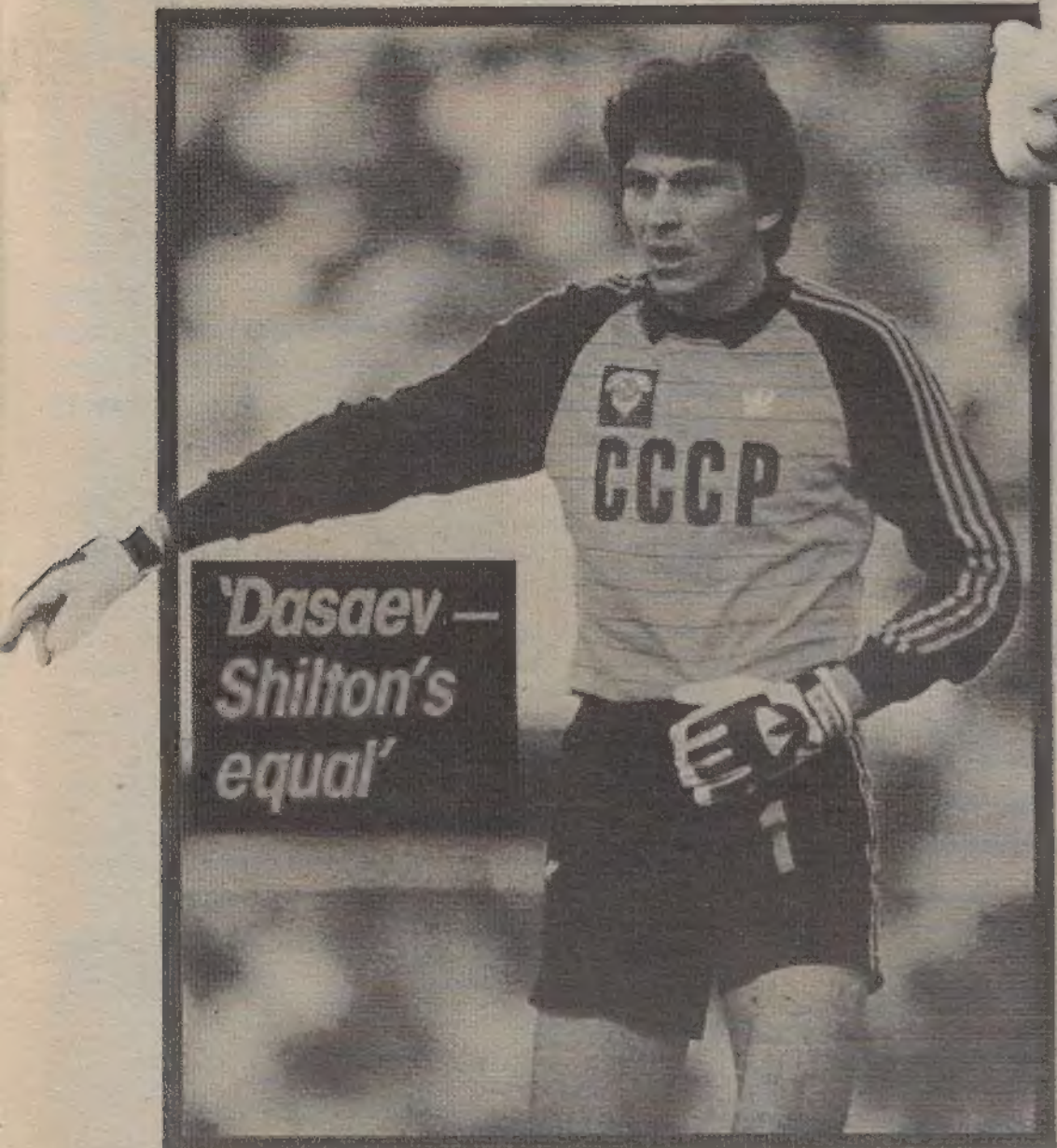
"Hey — wanna buy a cup?" Is that what the "MINDER" stars George Cole and Denis Waterman are asking? We hope the FA Cup has been returned safely to Liverpool!

THE GLORY OF GOALKEEPING

IS it really the glory of goalkeeping? Or is it death or glory?

Most custodians will testify to the latter being the truth. Like refereeing, goalkeeping is an thankless job at the best of times. Most are considered not as part of the team but a loner doing his own job.

He can be a hero one second and a villain the next. On this page we pay tribute to some of the world's best and some that will be on show in the greatest single sporting event in the world to take place in Mexico, the 1986 World Cup.



*'Dasaev —
Shilton's
equal'*



(LEFT) RUSSIA's Rinat Dasaev, (ABOVE) ENGLAND's Peter Shilton, (TOP RIGHT) BELGIUM's Jean-Marie Pfaff and below the 'daddy of them all', NORTHERN IRELAND's Pat Jennings.

PATRICK ANTHONY JENNINGS. Goalkeeper. Tottenham Hotspur. 41/116. Northern Ireland's goalkeeper for the last 22 years, Pat made his debut in the same match as George Best (v Wales April 1964). Now the world's most capped player (beating Sweden's Bjorn Nordqvist's record of 115). Pat will celebrate his 41st birthday on the day of Brazil match. Now retired from the Football League, he stays fit with Tottenham's reserves.

RINAT DASAYEV. Goalkeeper. Spartak. Aged 28/59 caps. Reliable rather than spectacular. Was judged best 'keeper at the 1982 Spain World Cup finals, in which season he was also Soviet player of the year. Has been between the Spartak posts since May 23, 1979, when he replaced Aleksandr Prokhorov in a League match against Zarya.

JEAN-MARIE PFAFF: Goalkeeper. Aged 32/52 Caps. Bayern Munich. One of Europe's top keepers he has been first choice for the national team since 1980. After winning domestic honours with Beeren he moved to Bayern Munich considerably enhancing his reputation.

OTHERS to watch are England's Peter Shilton, West Germany's Toni Schumacher and Scotland's Jim Leighton.



Kerry Dixon's looping header threatens Northern Ireland's World Cup future, but it's Jennings to the rescue with a crucial interception.

MILAN MAY SELL MARK HATELEY

MARK HATELEY is in strife with his Italian club, AC Milan — not for the first time.

In his recently-published book, Hateley has some uncomplimentary things to say about the standard of Italian football.

This has annoyed Milan's new owner, Silvio Berlusconi, and it is said he'd be happy to sell Hateley.

Milan have signed Brazil's Cerezo and they will have three foreigners if

they keep Hateley and Ray Wilkins... one too many.

Apart from anything in his book, Hateley has not exactly had a year of glory in club football.

In 22 games this season, the English international has scored only seven goals.

That's not the sort of goalscoring to strike terror into defences in Mexico.

MARTIN HAS MADE IT

WHO is Martin Hodge? That's the question plenty of people asked when England's World Cup squad was named.

Hodge, a stand-by goalkeeper, has been in excellent form for Sheffield Wednesday this year but his pedigree does not suggest he's an overnight discovery.

In fact, Hodge is 27 and he has spent most of his career wandering from club to club in the hope of finding a permanent home.

Born in Southport — only a few free-kicks from Liverpool — Hodge had to travel the length of England for his first club, Plymouth Argyle.

Then he went to Everton as third-choice goalkeeper.

He was farmed out on loan to far-from-glamorous clubs like Oldham, Gillingham and Preston.

Eventually, Everton decided to sell Hodge and for the modest fee of \$100,000, Sheffield Wednesday signed him.

Now this man of many clubs is heading for Mexico and will probably replace Manchester United's Gary Bailey who had a cartilage operation recently.



MARK HATELEY — on way out.

NOW WEMBLEY SHUNS THE BIG MATCH

IT doesn't seem long ago when any England v Scotland match would automatically fill Wembley or Hampden Park.

Not any more. The English FA was very disappointed at the roll-up for the recent Scottish match — only 68,356 people.

With both teams ready to travel to Mexico seeking World Cup glory, the lack of interest in the match was hard to understand.

Could it be that the public, tired of watching dull matches which produce little entertainment, have finally decided to stay away in large numbers?

It is possible, too, that the traditional prize for winning the Home International series is missing since Wales and Northern Ireland were given the old heave-ho by England and Scotland.

One other blunder has been made. England now play Scotland midweek

under floodlights.

It used to be a great

traditional Saturday afternoon fixture.



Beware the Irish

Spain manager Miguel Munoz believes the nation that shattered Spanish dreams in the 1982 World Cup will do equally headline-grabbing damage in Mexico.

"Only a fool will ignore the dangers posed by Northern Ireland," says Munoz.

"I have watched them in their last two internationals and nothing has changed. Their defence never loses concentration and their forwards work very hard for 90 minutes chasing half chances.

"They play a simple, basic and unentertaining style of football, but a dangerously effective one."

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Mexico. The Romanians screamed "fix" but FIFA's inspector didn't think so on a night when Kerry Dixon might have had a hat-trick had it not been for Jennings in the Irish goal.

So the Irish will be in Mexico where they will face Algeria, Spain and Brazil.

McIlroy commented on the draw: "I fancy us to finish second in the group. We have one-up on Spain, and for the other two games it's a case of knuckling down — and we've proved pretty good at doing that in the past.

"We fear no one. Not even Brazil."

Nor should they.

My View

Will qualify for the second phase and from then on their renowned fighting spirit will determine how far they go.



GARY BAILEY — Injured.

PRAY FOR US

EVERY team in the World Cup will have its own special brand of preparation for the big matches, but Morocco are trying something different.

They will have prayer interludes three times every day.

Cynics suggest Morocco's players will need more than constant prayer to win matches against England, Poland and Portugal.

BOOT-BOY IS NOW WORLD CUP STAR

WILL Steve Hodge offer to clean Peter Shilton's boots when the England squad moves into Monterrey for the World Cup?

Young Steve was an apprentice at Nottingham Forest when Shilton was first-choice Forest goalie.

And one of the youngster's jobs was to clean Shilton's boots.

"The only problem was... he had nine pairs,"

reflected Steve.

Hodge's selection for Mexico was one of the big surprises in the squad although he has looked a quality midfielder since Aston Villa signed him from Forest.

BUTCHER THE 'BIG MAN'

TERRY BUTCHER may not be one of the world's classic central defenders but he is sure to strike terror into all opposing forwards when England take the field in the World Cup in Monterrey.

England boss Bobby Robson nicknamed Butcher "the big man" for obvious reasons.

Butcher stands 6 ft 4 ins. And, according to Robson, he has matured from a gangling 16-year-old into a truly world class defender.

Robson summed up Butcher's performance against Scotland at Wemb-

ley in one word: "Supreme."

Nobody knows Butcher better... after all Robson signed him for Ipswich Town as a 16 year old.

As the England manager says: "There was a lot of criticism of this player when he first played for England but he has improved with every match and is now the model of dependability and consistency."



ALEX FERGUSON — finished.

FERGIE IS FIRM — HE'LL QUIT

THERE is virtually no chance of Alex Ferguson having a re-think about quitting as Scotland team manager.

Fergie doesn't think he's old enough for the job!

"I'm too young at 44," he stated when asked about the biggest job in Scottish football.

Once again, Billy McNeill, Manchester City

boss, is being linked with the international position.

But if Scotland hits the heights in Mexico, there is sure to be a lot of pressure on Ferguson to stay... even though he wants to return to club manager-ship with Aberdeen.